Women's film and lecture series to be held on campus

By Tierney Gallagher
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This year the Nido R. Qubein School of Communication will be hosting a women's documentary film and lecture series on campus to shine light on and spark interest in women's issues among students.

Planning for the series, entitled "Turn Down the Lights, Turn Up the Volume," began last March when co-organizers Dr. Judy Isaksen, associate professor of Media and Popular Culture Studies, and Dr. Joanne Sandberg, assistant professor of Sociology, came up with the idea for such an event.

The professors' idea stemmed from their desire to give broader attention to women's issues on campus. The name of the series alludes to what they hope participants will be compelled to do: turn the lights and reflect, and turn up the volume and speak out.

Isaksen describes the series as "intellectually inspiring and compelling," and hopes that it "will give students new and different ways to think about their own positions in the world."

The film and lecture series is to consist of five events throughout the school year that focus on contemporary issues concerning women. Each event will include a documentary film screening as well as guest lecture and discussion.

Documentaries shown will be ones either done by women or concerning women's issues. Featured as guest lecturers are distinguished professors Dr. Kathleen Blee from the University of Pittsburgh and Dr. Ellen Granberg of Clemson University, filmmaker Denice Evans, as well as Isaksen and Sandberg.

Support in creating the series has been tremendous. Isaksen and Sandberg are thrilled about the momentum the event seems to be generating. The event was made possible through donations from individuals as well as a grant from High Point University Cultural and Educational Enrichment Grant.

While this series will be spread throughout the academic year, each event is distinct and self-contained.

Topics to be reviewed address a whole variety of experiences women intersect with, including racism, health and beauty issues, sexual behavior and promiscuity, creativity, and rape and sexual violence. See "Lecture series," page 5

Dyer moves from digs on the hardwood to bright lights of Broadway

By Tony Gutowski
Sports Editor

Typically found digging her way through another tough match with her Panther teammates, one Panther instead found herself digging her way through the processes of one of the country's largest media corporations. Tara Dyer, a senior Communication major and defensive specialist on the volleyball team, spent the summer as an intern for CBS Radio in New York City.

Dyer, a Fountain Hills, Ariz, native, began her internship at CBS Radio in Manhattan on June 2 and finished up on Aug. 5. While at CBS, Dyer checked and reviewed commercial advertisements before they were distributed and played at all the local CBS-affiliated stations across the country. "I would listen to literally 100 commercials and advertisements and proofread their scripts before they could be played at most of the CBS-affiliated stations," Dyer said.

Dyer mainly worked with The Altitude Group while at CBS. The group manages and markets the advertisements for commercials and programming at most of the CBS-affiliated stations and sells the airtime to executives of prospective companies that are interested in advertising their brand on the airwaves. Dyer sat in on brainstorming sessions for which Altitude pitched ideas to those prospective companies for the types of commercials that could be possible and accepted to sell their products.

Dyer also participated in the "Launch and Learn" program, in which CBS Radio interns would meet every Wednesday with the various departments of the corporate office and discuss, over lunch, all the different segments and processes that go into the jobs of each department.

Beyond the meetings and programming, Dyer assisted the CBS Activation Manager (John Principale) with prize distributions for contest winners at several CBS-affiliated radio stations across the country. Most of the prizes from contests that CBS-affiliated stations have locally are distributed from the corporate offices in New York City. "I would help package iPods and other prize items for distribution all over every few weeks," Dyer said.

Working in such a unique place as New York City left Dyer awe-struck and pinching herself, constantly. "It's a totally different world and environment from any other place I have ever lived and worked before," Dyer said. "There's nothing like it."

The experience taught Dyer the many processes and type of work that goes into the operations of the radio business that she had never really seen before.

"Learning all the different aspects and applying them to real world experiences like this, outside the classroom, has truly made me more humble and more prepared for the workplace ahead after graduation," Dyer said.

It was three months of experience that will last this Panther a lifetime and will have great benefits as to her future plans moving forward.

Her ultimate goal is to one day become the Event Director of a major corporation and with all the relationships and connections she has made from this rare experience at CBS Radio, she hopes she will. "I hope this whole experience working at CBS will ultimately lead to a job with them in the future," Dyer said.
Students' voices are powerful tools

Practicing Going Green in the dorms

By Dianna Bell
Staff Writer

When coming to college, the dorm room becomes a sanctuary for many. This is the first place to start when making the transition to a greener, happier life.

My roommates and I had difficulty keeping our place smelling fresh. We took out the trash at least once a week and washed our dishes when it became a necessity, but it wasn’t enough to keep our place from smelling rank. Instead of buying a can of Febreze, why not buy a natural smell without the “harsh scent of chemical air fresheners,” as the commercials say. Flowers also offer a much more aesthetically pleasing view as opposed to the metallic canister of “forest rain.”

Our generation is known as the “millennial generation, classified by people throughout the world. Students for Environmental Awareness has pushed for environmental responsibility on campus. Alpha Phi Omega volunteers their time throughout the community. Several other organizations are also very committed to making a difference.

No cause helps to contribute to the community as a whole, it gives you a great amount of satisfaction. Knowing that you went up and made a difference to someone will give you a better buzz than any drink or drug ever could.

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Straight Talk from Dr. Qubein

Creating a mission statement for your life’s journey

By Dr. Nido Qubein

You create your future by forming a vision and expressing it through a mission statement. Your dream now glitters on the horizon because it is a reality. Your actions have a direct impact on the quality of life.

How do you know what is a positive attitude – a sense of certainty that your dream is achievable. You must adopt the attitude of Hannibal, the great general from ancient Carthage, who asserted: “We will either find a way, or make one.”

A plan will establish a route to your destination. It will also provide for the elimination of roadblocks and the blazing of new trails across uncharted territory. It will prevent you from drifting aimlessly through life. A good plan will have these characteristics:

• It will specify actions.
• It will set a timetable.
• It will be flexible.
• You formed your vision in the creative right side of your brain. To create a workable plan, you need to bring the left side of the brain into the picture. You’ll still need the right brain to conceive of creative ideas, but you’ll use your left brain to pass ultimate judgment on these ideas, to set priorities, and to devise ways to make them happen.

You begin the planning process by revisiting your vision and reviewing your mission statement. Assess any present circumstances and measure the gap between where you are and where you want to be. Then follow these steps:

1) Set goals.
2) Set priorities.
3) Develop strategies.

You develop a plan, keep this point in mind: Your present circumstances do not control your options. They establish a starting point, but they do not dictate your destination. Where you are very quickly becomes where you’ve been. So keep your eyes focused on the future – where you want to go – instead of on the past – where you’ve been.

Have a good trip.
Few people learn from their mistakes

By Liz Welborn
Staff Writer

We learn from our mistakes. Or do we? Or do we know that the same stupid mistakes that we have always made? The inventor of the saying, “We learn from our mistakes,” should examine his own life. When you make a mistake, instead of staying in the same place, you keep going out with the same type of person, knowing they are only out for sex. However, this is when you choose to conveniently forget your last failed crusade to convert a bad boy or girl into “the one.” Then when they run off, you complain to your friends that you never saw it coming. But when you did about a month ago when you dater their act-a-like. If you learned from your experiences wouldn’t you learn that certain people aren’t good for you? Mistake déjà vu can even be seen in class or on the job. It makes its appearance when you do something on the job that should be easy for you to accomplish but you keep making the same errors as if you were the new kid in the cubicle. The reason for this is when you keep getting the exact question wrong every time.

Even though this seems similar to smuggling people, there are some differences. In smuggling, the criminal makes his or her money off of the transportation, smuggling is always transnational, there is generally no exploitation, and consent is normally present. In the act of trafficking, the profit is made off of the victim or the selling of the victim, the transportation of the victim is not always transnational, and there is great exploitation and generally little or no consent.

There are two general forms of trafficking: labor and sexual. Labor trafficking comes in the form of mining, domestic service, sweat shops, and begging. Sexual trafficking consists of pornography, mail-order brides, and stripping.

The numbers behind these acts are phenomenal. Between 14,500-17,500 people are trafficked into the United States annually. Approximately 500,000 people are trafficked internationally every year, and 200,000-300,000 of these people are children from the United States.

Children are wonderful targets for traffickers because they are vulnerable. Many people who are considered targets are runaways, foster children, and people who have money problems.

I once believed this illegal activity only happens in distant areas. However, there have been several instances of trafficking in North Carolina. Over the past few years, North Carolina has had instances of labor and sexual trafficking.

In fact, if you located the area where most of the strip clubs and massage parlors are in Winston-Salem, there is a strong correlation between these locations and the number of reports of prostitution.

This does not mean that human trafficking takes place at these locations, but it indicates that this area is a haven for illegal activity and would be an excellent spot for trafficking. For many people wonder how they can help victims in this situation. Many victims feel that they are criminals or are too afraid to leave because of some threat or violence.

It is true that citizens should not attempt to “rescue” anyone by themselves, which is the job of law enforcement. What you can do is look for signs that a crime has been committed or be involved in prevention actions.

Signs of human trafficking victims include people who cannot speak the local language, people who don’t understand. Equipping yourself with knowledge that promotes trafficking will help save someone’s life. So be prepared.

New meal plan quenches previous faults

By Mike Nuckles
Editor-in-Chief

One of the many changes made throughout campus to begin the 2009-2010 academic year was the institution of a new meal plan for students. While the old plan was sufficient for many students, the new one is a great upgrade.

Under the old system, students had to guess how many meals they wanted to have at the cafeteria every week. The lower the amount of meals reserved, the higher the declining balance was that could be used at the various other dining options throughout campus.

This was a good plan for students who liked to eat at the caf at least ten times per week, but for the many who only eat there sparingly, this system had obvious flaws.

With three new dining facilities opening this fall, the administration decided to work with Aramark, the school’s contracted dining partner, to create a more dynamic plan for students. The new system is basically the same as the old, with the important addition of Magic Meals.

These new options allow students to use a normal board swipe at the various campus restaurants one time per day. This means that students can eat somewhere other than the caf seven times per week without having to spend a penny of their declining balance. That leaves room for students to buy convenience items from the C-Store or drink beverages from Starbucks.

This system is drastically better for a large percentage of the student population. While superior to most college cafeterias, High Point’s caf can still get monotonous, and having the ability to use one’s meal plan at the various other on-campus establishments has made the campus dining situation much more bearable.

Over 200,000 Americans affected by human trafficking

By Katie Nelson
Opinion Editor

My summer was filled with many different experiences. I traveled, worked my summer job, and hung out with my friends. However, one of the most moving incidents was a seminar on human trafficking, which I attended in July.

The Salvation Army hosted a series of seminars in which they defined the term and taught citizens how to identify and aid victims of human trafficking. They went to several cities in North Carolina including Greensboro, High Point, and Winston-Salem.

The eight-hour program covered five different subtopics of trafficking. The first topic was defining the term and explaining the causes of human trafficking.

Human trafficking is often confused with smuggling but there are significant differences, both legal and ethical. According to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, in order for an act to qualify as human trafficking, it must include a criminal act, means, and purpose for exploitation.

Criminal acts are defined as recruitment, harboring, transportation, and provision and obtaining. Means are fraud, force, and coercion. The purpose can range from commercial sex acts to slavery.

In most cases, a recruiter lures a person, usually with a job opportunity. The recruiter generally collects the person’s identification papers and sends the job seeker off to another area. When the victim gets to the location, he or she is told not to leave and is forced to stay and work off the debt.

Several actions like this have a bigger impact than one would think. Human trafficking is often confused with smuggling. Smuggling is always transnational, there is generally no exploitation, and consent is normally present. In the act of trafficking, the profit is made off of the victim or the seller of the victim, the transportation of the victim is not always transnational, and there is great exploitation and generally little or no consent.

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The Salvation Army has many prevention tactics they use to deter people from partaking in behavior that promotes trafficking. For example, when the World Cup was held in Berlin, many people were afraid human trafficking would spike in the area of prostitution.

So as the spectators were entering the game, workers handed out brochures that read: “You chose her...she definitely didn’t choose you. Sex with a trafficked woman is rape. Enjoy the game. Celebrate the win. Don’t be a loser.”

Actions like this have a bigger impact than one would think. Human trafficking is an issue that many people don’t understand. Equipping yourself with knowledge might help save someone’s life. So be prepared.
State Treasurer visits High Point; brings message of debt avoidance

By Mandy Cantrell
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North Carolina’s treasurer, Janet Cowell, visited HPU on Aug. 28. Janet Cowell arrived on High Point’s campus at 10:30 for a tour of the growing campus followed by a round table discussion with a handful of exceptional students and faculty members.

Cowell has an impressive background. As an economic expert and venture capitalist, she has created thousands of jobs for North Carolina residents and has also helped businesses and the government work more efficiently. She is currently working to ensure the state’s financial future is secure by making sure the banks are stable.

Her office also manages turning lost property into scholarships for North Carolina students. She invests lots of her time into finding ways for students to pay for school.

Cowell brought her 2009 Student Debt Tour to HPU with the catchphrase “In Debt We Trust.” About 80 percent of college students across America have credit cards and half of them have over four. The treasurer has had to deal with numerous college students who have declared legal bankruptcy because of credit cards. Students need to seriously consider the dangers of credit cards and interest before they get in the habit of swiping the plastic, according to Cowell.

Because of the youthful tendency to live for the moment, it is nearly impossible to understand how much debt student loans will leave students with. Cowell stressed these problems, how devastating private loans can be to one’s financial future, and acknowledged which loans are safest.

Mariana Qubein wins urban forest award

By Allison Hogshead
Assistant Editor

Nowadays, green is gold. Many colleges and universities, including HPU, are stepping it up when it comes to being more environmentally friendly.

Mariana Qubein, wife of university president Dr. Nido Qubein, is being honored on Sept. 17 by the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources as the Outstanding Individual Merit Winner of the Urban Forest Awards Program for her work at HPU.

According to HPU Media Relations, the annual program rewards cities, towns, organizations, businesses and individuals for outstanding work to protect and enhance community forests and raise awareness about the importance of urban forestry projects.

Award winners were selected by a panel that included N.C. Division of Forest Resources’ urban forestry staff and members of the North Carolina Urban Forest Council. Entries were judged for impact, quality, innovation and the degree to which the work serves as a worthy example for others to follow. The winners may also be nominated for the National Arbor Day Awards Program.

During the past year, Qubein has developed the arboretum and botanical gardens around campus. Her efforts can be seen from the rock garden by the ponds to the informational signs located at various trees and plants around campus.

Qubein is proud not only to be recognized for the award, but for all those at HPU who are making conscious efforts to reduce their carbon footprint.

“I am so honored to receive this prestigious award and I’m most grateful for the many faculty, staff and students who do so much to ensure that our university is caring about our environment,” Qubein said.

Katie Nelson, president of Students for Environmental Awareness, is thankful for the work Qubein has done.

“I’m ecstatic that Mrs. Qubein’s effort for such a worthy cause is being rewarded. Mrs. Qubein has a real passion for the arboretum and we really appreciate her,” said Nelson.

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Norton's personality perks students up at Starbucks

By Katie Nelson
Opinion Editor

There are always people who make your day better because they always seem to be having a good day. Their energy and cheerfulness just zap into you and gives you a boost.

Kristy Norton is one of those people. Norton has worked at the Starbucks on campus for a year and she always looks like she's ready for anything.

Norton is able to have this perkiness because she has a very strong will and sense of determination. She works two jobs. By day she serves at Wendy's, and by night she works at Starbucks. This usually means that she works ten hours a day.

Generally when someone gets off of a shift, he or she is ready to rest, no matter what type of job. But Norton keeps pushing into another shift.

Although Norton has been working at Wendy's three years more than at HPU, she says that she likes Starbucks more. The students at HPU make her job a lot better.

When she first started here, her motivation was really just to have a job and get paid. Now that she has been here a lot better.

Norton's main focus is taking care of her adorable son, Treyshawn. Treyshawn is six months old and an incredibly happy baby. One of Norton's favorite activities is shopping for Trey.

Shopping is Norton's favorite hobby in general. Old Navy is her preferred venue for clothing.

Although High Point may not have too much to offer a shopper, Norton compensates by spending time at Hanes and Four Seasons malls.

No matter what she is doing, Norton is always ready and ready to go. This is what makes her an excellent employee and an awesome person to be around.

When you see Norton at Starbucks, your pick-me-up might not be just from the caffeine. It is probably from her personality.

Prominent Roberts Hall trees removed for safety reasons

By Clay Stradley
Staff Writer

Two trees that were hallmarks of the Roberts Hall landscape were recently removed due to concerns over their condition.

In early February the HPU Arboretum Committee approved the removal of two trees. The trees in question were a willow oak (Quercus phellos) adjacent to Roberts Hall on the Promenade side, and the green ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica) directly across from it.

This decision came with much regret, but at the same time those involved knew it was a long time coming.

The driving catalyst for this decision was the willow oak. About 20 years ago the tree began to split into three sections. It was at this point that the tree was initially banded with cable to prevent further damage.

As damage progressed a second hand of cable was placed below the initial band. This presented a major safety hazard. If the cables were to ever snap the oak would rapidly finish splitting and likely come down, with one portion of the tree falling into Roberts Hall. Last semester a single branch from one of the Promenade willow oaks, weighing over one ton, fell without any prior announcement. As a result, the willow oak posed potential risk and thus it had to be removed, according to the Arboretum Committee.

Initially planted roughly 75 years ago, the Roberts Hall willow oak was planted as part of a CWA (Civil Works Administration) project headed by C.R. Mackintosh. Funding for this project provided pay for the workers and little else. As a result most of the trees planted as part of this project were natives from nearby forests.

This project was undertaken in order to bring some flora to the barren campus grounds. The only tree on the campus at the time was the sweet gum (Liquidambar styraciflua) tree that resides near the Kiosk on the Promenade, as well as a crop of black-eyed peas that were harvested yearly by the incoming freshmen and later served as that day's evening meal.

It has been planned that wood from the willow oak will be used to make a memorial bench.

The green ash being removed had been slowly succumbing to an unknown ailment for approximately the past three years. The University tried, unsuccessfully, to save this ash since its initial diagnosis.

Since removal of these trees caused such a landscape vacuum, new trees will be planted in their place eventually, according to the Arboretum Committee.

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New bands remind listeners of previous tunes

By Jen Paolino
A&E Editor

Every band may claim that their music is totally and completely original, but they’d be lying if they said that they didn’t pull from other artists. Here’s five bands that manage to create different and distinct music while having listeners think, “That band kind of sounds like…”

Band Name: LOVEHATEHERO
Album Title: America Underwater

Who/What They Sound Like: Mayday Parade, if those guys used to be a post-hardcore band that just recently realized they’d be better off singing faster. Why You Should Listen: Straight out of Nashville, Tenn., these guys take melodic electro-pop and cut out the annoying “thump-thumping” that you usually find tucked away in many electronic-based songs. If you’re a fan of ambient music, or you’re just looking to set a mood, pop their debut record into your CD player and allow yourself to get sucked into their mellow vibe.

Band Name: Hotspur
Album Title: You Should Know Better By Now

Who/What They Sound Like: If you were to rip the keys off of Jack’s banjo and mix the dark tunes you get from The Spill Canvas’ No Really, I’m Fine, you’d have these Washington, D.C. natives.

Why You Should Listen: They wouldn’t classify themselves as dance-pop, but there is no denying that the songs these guys pump out have that “clap-your-hands-and-smack-your-knees” feel to them.

Band Name: Boys Like Girls
Album Title: Love Drunk

Who/What They Sound Like: While BLG will probably never stay too far from the sound that made them famous, this four piece has taken their music to another level, giving their songs a more upbeat, dare I say, happier feel.

Why You Should Listen: While some die-hard fans may not appreciate the cross-over, their songs are memorable enough to stick in your head for days after you’ve heard them. Their infectious hooks mixed with lead vocalist Martin Johnson’s melodic voice and what reeled in fans in the first place, and I can promise that even the initial skeptics will wind up coming around eventually.

Band Name: Amely
Album Title: On My Own - EP

Who/What They Sound Like: All Time Low, but a lot softer. If Alex Gaskarth’s voice were just a little bit deeper, he and lead vocalist Pete Farino might be the same person. Maybe.

Why You Should Listen: Even though their cover of Miley Cyrus’ “The Climb” may not stand up to the original, it was definitely a valiant effort. But, it’s not their covers we want to make time for, it’s their unique spin on the pop-punk genre that makes them not a total waste of space on your iPod.

Fabulous back to school basics

By Casey Pantalone
Staff Writer

Once upon a time, as in last season’s back to school trends, there was fashion forward sweaters, shear tops, brightly colored skinny jeans, scarves, and of course ankle boots. However, with the new school year upon us, being a year older, meaning a year wiser, we should know better than to dress in what is now “old hat.” Although trendy can be pricey it doesn’t have to be, if you know where to look and what to wear.

In fact, basics in your wardrobe are the key to keeping stylish for less. When I say basics I’m talking about white, black, camel and grey, the neutral colors that can go with absolutely everything. Wearing basics and layering your season’s latest gear will keep you looking like a style guru. Trendy can sometimes be funny so remember less is more; wearing one trendy thing and combining it with a neutral palette will really accentuate an up-to-date look.

In buying for this season you definitely want to be on the watch for long sleeved and sleek mini-dresses, large square hobo bags, wraparound belts, cocoon sweaters, and slouchy blazers or jackets. Thigh high boots were also a hit on the runway as were funky hats, layers, knits and lots of shoulder. Wearing oversized sweaters that fall off the shoulder are perfect for autumbut we must always remember to dress weather appropriate.

Another up and coming trend is wearing a turtleneck under a simple dress accentuated with a bow or cinched waist. When picking a dress for fall the material needs to be durable with plenty of texture. Oblige yourself to a machine washable garment though, when you’re in college dry cleaning is the last thing you should be thinking about. Keep in mind that convenience in your wardrobe is non-negotiable. Fashion should be easy and an expression of who you are and what you like.

One place to find inexpensive fall fashions is Forever 21 in the Four Seasons Mall in Greensboro. I recently scoped out the selection and have found great deals for low prices.

Also, Anna Sui is making an exclusive line for Target inspired by the hit show, Gossip Girl. It will be available for a limited time on Sept. 13 through Oct. 17.

Always remember to be confident in what you wear. Clothes are just another way to express your fabulous self. The only way you’ll pull it off is holding your head high and flashes those perfectly white teeth. Now go out there and find a happily ever after.
Music, but also because I was able to master his art. Performing was for me a necessity. Having the opportunity to see this than the former Beatle, Sir Paul McCartney, a massive, diverse group is none other than the former Beatles, and is played by the技术 to create effects and sounds that bands of that era could not attain. However, when I pay money to see a live band, I do not want to sit and look at something pressing buttons on a machine. My parents have always encouraged me to appreciate the talent and energy of a talented live musician which much of the contemporary electronic music today severely lacks.

In this three hour concert played to an audience of over 40,000, 67-year-old McCartney never once sat down or even took a drink of water. His enthusiasm reflected an infectious passion for performance and giving his fans what they want. In addition to playing a good number of recent hits, the bulk of the show consisted of classics like “Let It Be,” “Blackbird,” and “Hey Jude.” tunes recognizable to every generation. The show took place on the 40th anniversary of Woodstock, which Paul marked with amazing guitar solo in tribute to Jimi Hendrix. He changed instruments every few songs, and throughout the night demonstrated exceptional skill in acoustic and electric guitars, mandolin, piano, bass guitar, and ukulele. Even his talented band members, each decades younger than him, had trouble matching his stamina.

My parents were quick to remind me after the show that entertainers of today just do not have the same quality and prowess. In recent years we have traveled to see Willie Nelson, The Grateful Dead, Bruce Springsteen, Metallica, Beach Boys, and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. Each experience has been unforgettable. Nothing brings my family together as much as being able to share an event that is created by unbelievably talented musicians who come from a time when concerts relied more heavily on talent and energy rather than technology and effects.

New games for a new year: video games worth checking out

By Dominique Black
Staff Writer

With the academic year underway, there is nothing like going back to the dorm after a long day of classes to sit back and play a few video games. The month of August brought along more than just a fresh pack of pens and paper; a few games for the Wii, Xbox 360, and the PlayStation 3, came along with it.

Name of Game: G.I. JOE: The Rise of Cobra

The game was released just days before its movie counterpart on Aug. 4, but if history is to repeat itself, the game is doomed from the beginning. G.I. Joe modeled after a movie or vice versa always turn out to be lost causes. This game has been released on all gaming platforms.

Name of Game: Madden NFL 10

The Madden franchise seems to always be in demand, and this installment is no different. The Aug. 14 release had gamers running to the nearest Wal-Mart at midnight to get their hands on it. The only differences I have noticed in this edition of the game are that the graphics look extremely realistic and new players are on the field. I have also heard that Brett Favre and Michael Vick have been added in a update of the game. Madden NFL 10 is available on all gaming consoles.

Name of Game: Wolfenstein

Now I know you’re all thinking, “Why am I bringing up the old ‘Nazis killing’ Windows game?” Well the answer is that I’m not. This Wolfenstein is the sequel to the PlayStation 2’s Return to Castle Wolfenstein, but in this game the graphics are better and there is excellent online game play, which makes for a great first-person shooter. The downfall is that there isn’t much of a story line. The release date was Aug. 18.

Name of Game: Batman: Arkham Asylum

I have yet to play the game with its recent release of Aug. 25, but seeing commercials with game play make this game extremely hard to ignore. For the Batman movie and comic book fans out there you will definitely want to check out this game. The game play is one of a kind along with the probability that this has to be the best game from a comic book ever made. This game is your basic Batman vs. Joker, with great graphics and storyline in a dark twist. This game is available on all gaming platforms.

Ventrone is more than just pretty face and perfect posture

By Sam Tuthill
Online Editor

When most people think about pageants, they tend to have the same basic image in their minds. Miss Teen South Carolina from the 2007 Miss Teen USA competition seems to be the standard for the beauty of the pageant. In reality these pageants, and the young women in them, have a lot more to offer than we tend to give them credit for. Case in point, High Point University junior Marie Ventrone.

Ventrone is the current Miss North Carolina National US and went to the national competition in New Orleans on Aug. 21. More than just the stereotype of a beauty pageant, the young pages in this program have great responsibilities and a lot is expected of them. The top eleven semi-finalists spent the days in New Orleans before the final pageant rebuilding homes of Katrina victims through Habitat for Humanity.

The girls worked towards garnering more friends, new relationships, and in doing so she excelled. She’s the musical director of the university’s female a cappella group, Petal Points. She’s also a sister of Phi Mu, the president of Alpha Phi Omega, the theatre honor society, an officer for Tower Players, and a singer in Chapel Choir and Cabaret. She has also been in the university theater productions of “All My Sons,” “The Water Engine,” “Electric City Show” as “The Robber Bridegroom,” and starred in “How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying” as Rosemary and in “Steel Magnolias” as Shelby.

Despite all of her success, she still manages to stay down to Earth as she explains, “They all nounced the top five in a random order, and my name was the last to be called. I was so surprised, I think I actually muttered, ‘Come again?’” Ventrone finished as third runner-up and is thrilled with how far she made it. Her success was outstanding, collecting 159 pairs of pajamas, 504 books and $1,389. She took her work a step further by extending her efforts beyond fund-raising, and participated in one of the organization’s distribution events known as Christmas in July. She was able to lend a further helping hand and spent time with the children for whom she had worked so hard.

Another qualification of the pageant is academic. All applicants must submit a copy of their transcripts and proof of their academic achievement. All applicants had to fulfill a role model for young girls in the areas of leadership, community service, and academic achievement.
Club offers “SEA green” ideas

By Matt Wells
Organizations Editor

Students for Environmental Awareness (SEA) met last week in record numbers. The group discussed future campus projects as well as expressing their awareness for places on the other side of the globe.

One of the goals SEA is working toward this year is to help with the Roadless Area Conservation Act in Alaska, showing how the “green” mindset reaches farther than our back yard. The group is supporting the Act that will prevent construction in the future where beautiful National Forests are currently located, preserving the wildlife for generations to come.

Katie Nelson, president of SEA, speaks to group members at the Amphitheatre. Photo by Matt Wells.

Phi Mu recognized at national conference

By Matt Wells
Organizations Editor

High Point’s chapter of Phi Mu was recently ranked in the top five among all of the organization’s 120 chapters in this year’s Commitment to Excellence report. The 20-page report filed by the chapter took a year to complete.

The sorority was judged on their merit and the amount of work they did with finances, community involvement and public relations.

For their community work, the ladies organized and worked special events for the benefit of local children and contributed to the Phi Mu Foundation which helps out sisters who are having trouble with money for college and members who come from broken and damaged homes. They also made a trip to a local nursing home to play bingo with the residents.

Phi Mu president Leah Wilson was proud to be a part of such a historic honor.

“It is such a rewarding experience being able to help out others locally and work with such a great group of girls all the time. I never thought I would be this involved with a sorority coming to HPU but I have really found my niche here with Phi Mu and I have loved every bit of it!”

Phi Mu put in as much time inside the classroom as they did outside of class. In fact, they collectively had the highest average GPA of the sororities on campus last year. This helped the sisters score high points in the academic category in the CTE.

The ranking is still news to most of the members of Phi Mu since only the president and a few other members were able to attend the conference.

“This honor truly means a lot to me. It lets not only the other sororities on campus but all Phi Mu Chapters realize that we are dedicated to our sorority that is founded on our beliefs on love, honor, truth. It is also nice to be recognized for a greater cause of Phi Mu,” said senior member Elizabeth Walmsley after hearing the news.

While Phi Mu is excited about this recent honor, they are staying focused on the bigger picture, using this as a building block for a bigger goal. Every two years the chapter that has the highest average GPA of the sororities on campus last year.

The record 24 students in attendance

Opening Act: HPU Student Band

Upcoming SGA meetings

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Fall 2009 Concert

Saturday, September 12th
Roberts Hall Lawn
7:00pm

Gates open at 5:30pm
(no re-entry, no bags, no food, no drink)

TICKET INFORMATION

HPU Students & Your Invited Guests

will need a wristband & a ticket to attend the concert, (you may bring up to 3 guests behind the water feature)

Here’s how it works:

1. Wristband & Tickets will be available in the University Center Lobby on Saturday, September 12th from 9am-7pm.

2. Students will need to escort their guests to the concert ticket station at the UC and show your HPU Passport. Wristbands and Tickets will be provided for your entire group. The wristbands will be placed on your arm at this time—they are not transferable.

3. There are wristbands for every student, but you may want to get your wristband early to avoid lines later.

4. You will need to present your ticket & show your wristband to enter the concert.
New volleyball coach brings high hopes

By Jordan Cover
Staff Writer

The Jason Oliver era begins for the 2009 HPU volleyball program with the team being picked to finish fourth in the 2009 Big South Conference preseason poll. The BSC preseason poll is voted on by the league’s head coaches and attempts to predict the result for the upcoming season based on various factors, including each team’s past performance.

Oliver joins HPU after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Maryland this past season. Before that, Oliver was at the University of Dayton for three seasons and also had assistant coaching stints at West Virginia University, Towson University and California Lutheran University.

HPU is hoping Oliver has what it takes to finally get the Panthers over the hump and into the NCAAAs. Standing in their way, though, are the Flames of Liberty. The defending Big South champion, Liberty, was a unanimous pick to finish first, with Coastal Carolina and UNC Asheville also coming in ahead of the Panthers. Winthrop rounded out the top five with Presbyterian and Charleston Southern projected to finish sixth and seventh. Radford and Gardner-Webb finished out the voting at eighth and ninth.

Last season, the Panthers advanced to the Big South semifinals, beating Radford 3-0 in the quarterfinals before losing to Coastal Carolina, 3-2, in the semis. HPU tied with Liberty for the 2008 Big South regular-season title with a 13-3 conference record. The Panthers finished the season with a 26-7 overall mark.

Juniors Anna Lott, Stephanie Wallin and Julie Hershkowitz are the returning starters from last year. Lott was the only HPU player to play in all 123 games in 2008. Her 88 block assists is the second-best season in school history.

The Panthers have the help and addition of six other letter winners and seven newcomers to the 2009 team.

The Panthers begin their Big South schedule on Sept. 25 with a home match against conference rival Coastal Carolina at the Millis Center at 7 p.m during the High Point University Classic.
Women’s soccer kicks off season on a different foot

By Steven Haller  
Staff Writer

He has been coaching college soccer for 13 years and brings the quality and experience that could earn the team another championship this season. “To win the conference championship, that is our goal one hundred percent,” Beall said. Although the rest of the Panthers’ regular season schedule is what Beall describes as “ridiculously hard,” he has a plan. Beall made a point to schedule games against some of the best teams in the nation during the non-conference games. That way, the Panthers will be better prepared for the BSC tournament. If the team wins the Big South, then they will get an automatic bid to play in the national tournament.

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Brothers Okiomah connect at Elon

By Allison Hogshed  
Assistant Editor

Sibling chemistry played a major role in the season opener at Elon University for the men’s soccer team. In the 99th minute of play, just into the second half, freshman Fejiro Okiomah assisted his brother sophomore Karo Okiomah for the game-winning goal. “He is a fantastic athlete. If we play him off the point, any ball to the outside is dangerous because he can pick it up and combine these experienced players with the young talent of the freshmen will be key. Also, winning home games is crucial to maintaining the momentum of the team on the road. Although they will face many challenges this season, the coaches are confident that the team will rise to the occasion and perform at a highly technical and cohesive level.

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Men’s soccer has high hopes (and goals) for upcoming season

By Paul Southerland  
Staff Writer

Will the HPU men’s soccer team build on 2008’s most successful season in ten years? The team was picked to finish third with 63 points and had two first-place votes in the 2009 Big South Conference preseason poll. The number three spot is the highest rank that HPU has ever been given since its induction to the Big South.

Following a disappointing 4-0 loss to South Carolina in an exhibition match, the men’s team is determined to prove critics wrong. Entering his third season as the Panthers’ head coach, Dustin Fonder hopes that current seniors will display strong leadership towards the eighteen freshmen recruits. Fonder goes on to say that the freshmen on the team will provide depth and create an extra competitive environment in establishing the starting lineup. “I expect a philosophy of working hard, every day, rather than focusing our concern on winning,” Fonder said.

The team certainly has a vast amount of talent to display this season with four seniors (Matt Pattle, Sam Roca, Hilario Babos, and Ryan Pappolo) and six Big South All-Conference Team honorees. These honorees include Babos, Adam Hatem, Scott Rojo, Karo Okiomah, Michael Chesler, and Will Stewart. The team’s ability to adjust and combine these experienced players with the young talent of the freshmen will be key. Also, winning home games is crucial to maintaining the momentum of the team on the road. Although they will face many challenges this season, the coaches are confident that the team will rise to the occasion and perform at a highly technical and cohesive level. The team’s next game is tonight at 5 p.m. against Richmond at the JMU Comfort Inn Invitational.

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Team shows ‘a lot of heart and fight’ in Loyola loss

By Steven Haller  
Staff Writer

In the first home game of the season, the women’s soccer team faced tough opposition: a completely new playing strategy and the Loyola Greyhounds. In the first half of the game, the Greyhounds, who hail from Baltimore, MD, continually beat the Panthers to the ball and kept the ball in High Point’s third of the field most of the time. Despite this, the Panthers did not let them score. The score was tied 0-0 at the half, thanks to the efforts of senior goalkeeper Marissa Abbot and the Panther defense. Abbott recorded seven saves for the game.

In the second half, Loyola found a rhythm. The Greyhounds scored three goals within six minutes, but this does not necessarily reflect the level of play of the Panther defense. The first goal was a lucky bomb from more than 25 yards out, while the second and third goals were scored on very well-placed corner kicks. After Loyola’s scoring run, HPU was down 3-0. That would eventually be the final score. Abbott cites the transition to a new coach with a new philosophy as being a factor in the loss. “It is hard to change to a new strategy, but we are still learning,” Abbott said. Abbott can take a lot of the credit for the Greyhounds’ territory often, precision passing, which is exactly what they are supposed to do.

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The Panthers played well for the last 28 minutes of the game versus Loyola. They got the ball into the Greyhounds’ territory often, and they executed some great precision passing, which is exactly what they are supposed to do. Part of head coach Marty Beall’s philosophy is to keep possession of the ball, have lots of passing, and execute what he calls a “probing attack.” A probing attack shifts certain players around through lots of passing, which is designed to create holes in the opponent’s defense. If the team carrying out a probing attack is patient, the strategy is very effective. “A probing attack requires more skill and tactical knowledge than directly attacking the goals,” Beall said. Unfortunately, the Panthers could not seem to generate enough offense to score a goal and only recorded three shots for the game. Nevertheless, it is the beginning of the season with plenty of games left. “We showed a lot of heart toward the end of the game tonight, and a lot of fight,” Spotts said. “Everyone on this team has the heart and drive to play hard no matter what.”
Panthers look to continue success with top XC runners

By Abby Wood
Staff Writer

The HPU men’s and women’s cross country teams head into the 2009 season with a lot of optimism and also, a lot of questions. Both teams have lost, respectively, their top runners from a season ago.

The women have lost defending Big South champ Zsanett Kis to graduation, leaving Emily Webb, who took 16th in a time of 19:32.36 in the ‘08 Big South title meet, as their top returning performer.

The men lost senior Jesse Cherry, whose third-place finish at the Big South Championships highlighted the Panthers' runner-up team finish to Liberty. Cherry used up his cross country eligibility and will only run indoor and outdoor track & field in 2009-10, but the rest of the Panther cross country roster returns and it will receive help from a solid recruiting class and returning top performer, Anthony Jerkis, who placed ninth at the 2008 Big South Championships.

The women’s team was picked third and received one first-place vote in the 2009 BSC preseason women’s cross country poll and has finished third at the last six Big South Championships. Last year’s Big South champ, Coastal Carolina, was picked to win again by Liberty.

The HPU men were selected to finish second in the BSC preseason men’s cross country poll. The Panthers received two first-place votes and were second only to Liberty.

It will be a challenge for both the men and women this year but head coach Mike Esposito thinks his teams this year are more prepared than ever to make up such important losses (due to graduation) and handle any of the questions that remain for the upcoming season.

“We have improved our depth with our incoming freshmen. We will miss Jesse Cherry and Cole Atkins from a leadership standpoint, and we will lean on Josh Morgan and Josh Castman in that respect. We’re expecting several of our freshmen to contribute right away, which will give us a very strong group,” Esposito said.

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Panther Profile
Lyndsay Rowley
Volleyball, DS

Hometown: New Albany, OH
Year in school: Senior
Major: Marketing and Communications
Career Plans: I would like to go into advertising. I have been also looking into going to grad school or possibly getting an internship overseas.

Other activities you are involved in on campus: University Ambassador, National Honors Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and SAM (Student Athlete Mentoring).

Interests/Hobbies: I love writing and eating anything with chocolate in it!

Photo courtesy of HPU Athletics

2009 Season Preview

Head coach: Mike Esposito (5th season at HPU)
2008 season record:
Men’s – 2nd Big South Championships
Women’s – 3rd Big South Championships

Key meets in 2009: Big South Preview (9/19 at HPU), Big South Championship (10/31 at HPU), NCAA Southeast Regional (11/15), NCAA Championship (11/23)

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Future plans: I would like to go into advertising. I have been also looking into going to grad school or possibly getting an internship overseas.

Other fun facts: Before every game, I write the serenity prayer on a small piece of paper and put it in my right sock.
**September**

**High Point University**

**Sunday**
- **Roadtrip to Elon for Men’s Soccer**

**Monday**
- **SGA Refresher Phillips Hall 2pm**
- **Women’s vs. Davidson 3:30pm**

**Tuesday**
- **CHECK OUT THE CAMPUS CONCERGEE FOR INFORMATION ON CONCERT TICKETS 50’s Dance Stone Cafe**
- **Flag Football Captain’s Meeting Phillips Hall Rm. 218 5pm**
- **Freshman Class Election Week**

**Wednesday**
- **Wednesday Service Hayworth Chapel 5:30pm**
- **C.A.T. OPEN MIC NIGHT**

**Thursday**
- **Freshman Class Campaign Week**
- **Freshman Class Election Week**
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- **SGA Meeting Phillips Hall 7pm**
- **C.A.T. BONED BALL MANIA**
- **CULTURAL ENRICHMENT SERIES**
  - **10 Women’s Lecture Series** 7pm – Phillips Hall
  - **15 Panel Discussion** 3pm – TBA
  - **16 Cal Ripken** 7:00pm – Millis Athletic/Convocation Center

**Friday**
- **8pm – High Point Theatre, Downtown (Sept. 19, 20 and 24/27)**