Basketball with a Cherry on top

By Tony Gutowski
Sports Editor

Sometimes a little bit of blue, Carolina blue that is, can help goals and dreams come true; at least that is what the High Point University men's basketball team is hoping for when it begins Scott Cherry's reign as head coach at home on Nov. 14 against UNC-Pembroke.

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Cherry speaks at his introductory press conference in March. Photo by Mike Nuckles.

Students ring closing bell at New York Stock Exchange on Wall Street

By Timothy Southerland

Staff Writer

On Mon., Oct. 6, several students, faculty, and President Qubein traveled to Wall Street for a rare experiential learning opportunity. While on Wall Street, Dr. Qubein, alongside of the students and faculty, rang the closing bell of the New York Stock Exchange—a privileged tradition in the business realm. The day ended well for both the group and the NYSE. The Dow Jones closed at 8965.8—the highest since Oct. 6, 2008 at that time.

"It was an amazing experience to be with fellow students and administrators as we closed the market for the day. We learned a lot and had a great deal of fun learning about the financial district of Manhattan. It is through experiences such as these that HPU empowers its students," junior business major Andrew Realon said.

Before the closing bell ceremony began, the students toured the trading floor and met several prominent stock traders. Furthermore, each student received a personalized engraved name tag and metal token of appreciation from the NYSE.

The students also toured the city. Junior and finance major Josh Motter recalled "learning a great deal of history about the city—even down to the different subcultures New York has to offer." Qubein recognized this experience as both a learning opportunity and irreplaceable media coverage for the university.

It was an amazing experience before the 100 million viewers who watch worldwide every day. Taking the exposure of HPU to such a level was the right thing at the right time in the right way. Our students loved the trip, which was chock-full of learning and fun," Qubein said.

Staff Profile: Mary McDonald

By Katie Nelson

Opinion Editor

When Starbucks opened on campus nearly four years ago, there were five employees who were still on staff. One of them is Mary McDonald who refers to the group as the "original Starbucks old G's."

Before working at Starbucks, McDonald had done work as a cosmetologist for about six years before medical reasons forced her to change jobs. McDonald still practices cosmetology but only on her family and friends.

As a High Point native, McDonald loves her job because she enjoys "seeing people from different places from around the world." Not only does McDonald like interacting with all types of people, she also partakes in a variety of activities such as bowling and singing.

Bowling is in an activity that several students take part in when CAT facilitates cosmic bowling. While McDonald feels that she has gotten a bit "too old" for cosmic bowling, she has been a avid league bowler for a good part of her life.

In fact, she has received six trophies for her endeavors and says that strikes are her favorite part of the sport. When she is not bowling she is out enjoying other hobbies. Shopping is another one of McDonald's hobbies. Her shoes are her favorite thing to buy. Nine West and BCBG are two of her favorite brands, and she proclaims that "any day is shopping day." However, not all days are shopping days.

Movies are another way that McDonald likes to spend her time. She mainly watches action movies but her favorite film is The Green Mile. McDonald thinks the movie is wonderful because it is "emotional and heartfelt."

Another thing that McDonald loves is her family. She has three girls and one boy, which include a set of twins. The twins, Shenika and Resnika, were quite a surprise. The girls were born in 1977, which was before the time of ultrasound, so it was quite shocking "because I didn't know I was having them."

McDonald liked having twins. She dressed them up the same, and they still dress alike at age 32. Everyone always mixed them up but they never played any tricks on people.

Although they had "secrets and signs" between each other, they got along really well with their younger sister, Alicia, and brother Prince Charles. Along with these children, McDonald also has five grandchildren.

Her family connections are very closely tied to her spirituality. McDonald says her wish is "for everyone to notice the serenity prayer and abide by it. After my mom died last year, it put me in another dimension and I had to read serenity over and over again to keep my stability."

McDonald is a regular at 1st Mission Baptist in Thomasville. She sings in the choir there and has been attending for five years.

She spiritually leads her to be a "free spirit with a warm heart; don't let my face fool you."
Disrespect: it's more than broken pool cues

By Katie Nelson

Opinion Editor

In the last edition of the Chronicle, I reported on my ongoing struggle with HPU security. I had so much to write about that it exceeded the amount of room available. So I am going to write a bit more about it in today's column. This article is not about the ride-along but about a topic that is highly connected with security.

This article is about people's attitude toward alcohol. I am not talking about condoning or encouraging drinking but I am merely commenting on some inconsistencies and fallacies that are surrounding drinking. Even though you are in college, it is still against the law for someone under 21 to drink alcohol. When you choose to drink, one of the things you have to think about is getting caught.

When you get caught, you either pay a fine or you get your license taken away. Other times you get no consequences but you feel bad about yourself. Either way, you are in trouble if you get caught. The other justification I see to any kind of drinking are "I'm in college" and "It makes me feel free," but that is not a valid reason to drink.

A consumption of alcohol can make you feel like you are acting responsibly. Sometimes you want to drink because you think you will be reprimanded. The other times you drink because you are rebellious. Others told me that they drank because they felt "limitless" by their alcohol. If you drink alcohol, you are set free by being drunk. I know you relax more when you are drunk. However, the ability to drink and form coherent sentences is also lost when drunk.

There are different levels of drinking without necessarily relating to alcohol. Some people are able to go out and drink and not act like total idiots. Others are huge messes to deal with and need constant attention while they drink. I am not here to tell you that you shouldn't drink; that is your decision. Just want you to think about why you are drinking. If the only reasons you have for drinking are "I'm in college" and "It makes me free," then you need to rethink why you drink.

Creativity is lacking in HPU's stifling environment

By Amanda Mayes

Staff Writer

"Everything everybody does is so - I don't know - not wrong, or even mean, or even stupid necessarily. But just so time-consuming and so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - so - s
What's on your iPod?

By Jen Paolino
A&E Editor

To some people, their iPod is an extension of themselves, an extension of who they are. You'll find countless people strolling down the promenade, in their cars, or at the gym with earbuds jammed in their ears, getting lost in their own musical world. But, have you ever wondered what they're listening to?

When they immediately offer up the name of their favorite artist or song, are you ever tempted to ask them to stop and listen to the song they are listening to?

Here are four students who weren't afraid to share their most embarrassing song on their iPod.

Who/What They Sound Like: They claim to draw influences from pop acts like The Beach Boys and The Movielife.

Save Your Breath

Band Name: Kids In Glasses Houses
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Name: Scarlett Hester
Song Title: "I’m Still A Guy"
Artist: Brad Paisley

"I always brush country music because it’s kind of out of character for me to be listening to it, but for some reason I just enjoy listening to his music."

Name: Karole Johnson
Song Title: "How I Beat Shaq"
Artist: Aaron Carter

"Sometimes I’ll put my iPod on shuffle when I’m in the car with my friends, and that song will come on. It’s so bad, you can’t change it fast enough: people always give me really strange looks when they hear it."

Name: Katie Stanley
Song Title: "Invisible"
Artist: Clay Aiken

"I have no idea why I even put that song on my iPod in the first place. He was just another American Idol contestant who didn’t do anything with his career."

Who says music and fighting don’t mix?

By Domenique Black
Staff Writer

Who doesn’t like a game where you can pick up a guitar or turn tables and start playing or spinning without any formal training? Maybe you want to take that guitar and a battle axe and fight crappy looking monster people. Or perhaps you want to play a game where you just fight people in general. Well here are the games to check out.

Name of Game: DJ Hero
The newest installment of the "Hero" game franchise. With the game DJ Hero, you can pretty much expect the same thing you saw in the first guitar hero game but with a cooler controller.

Yes, you use dj turntable to control the game. There is a record on it and a scratcher to work your way through the levels. This game is a must have at a party, great to play with a group of friends. The mixes in this game are crazy; it will be hard to find tracks you haven’t heard of. DJ Hero is an all around great game to get for the holidays. This game was released Oct. 27 for PS3, PS2, Xbox360 and Wii.

Name of Game: Brutal Legend
Yes, this is that highly anticipated Jack Black game. In the game Black is the voice for the lead player Eddie Riggs, a roadie who somehow ends up in an imaginary world fighting the evil forces of heavy metal with an axe and a guitar. This game incorporates lots of heavy metal music and album cover artwork. Fighting through different challenges to gain better guitars. Brutal Legend is a fun adventure game that is available for the PS3, Xbox360, and PC.

Upcoming concerts ‘you just can’t afford to miss’ including Cobra Starship and Brand New

By Jen Paolino
A&E Editor

Ever hear about a show one day too late and kick yourself because you wish you had known about it? Well I’m here to make sure that never happens again. Here’s a list of upcoming shows at different venues that you just can’t afford to miss.

Venue: Green Street Church
Location: Greensboro
Ticket Information: greenstreetchurch.com


Venue: Amos’ Southend
Location: Charlotte
Ticket Information: amossouthend.com

Sat., Nov. 7: Mutemath with As Tall As Lions
Tues., Nov. 10: Boys Like Girls with Cobra Starship, The Maine, A Rocket To The Moon, and VersaEmerge
Thurs., Dec. 3: Switchfoot
Venue: The Fillmore
Location: Charlotte
Wed., Nov. 11: Brand New with Thrice and Crime in Stereo
Sat., Dec. 5: Rise Against
Thurs., Dec. 10: LMFAO with Schwag and guests

Ticket Information: isenation.com

Tues., Nov. 24: Hawthorne Heights with Just Surrender, Punchline, Monty Are I, and Nightbeast
Thurs., Dec. 10: Life On Repeat with Hollywood Lies and Sent by Ravens

Unknown bands trade hits for a little fan support

By Jen Paolino
A&E Editor

For a band, success is the ultimate goal. But it doesn’t come easy, it takes hard work and dedication, and sometimes a little support from the fans. Regardless of whether or not these artists are famous they take it to heart, they are definitely worth a listen.

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Album Title: If You Know What You’re Crying About
Who/What They Sound Like: Somewhere in between the upbeat, poppy sounds of Cash Cash and the synth heavy melodies of Breathe Carolina. It, of course, these bands were around in the 80s. Why You Should Listen: It’s the perfect soundtrack if you want to turn down the light while wearing really bright neon shirts. In other words, this EP is a compilation of really fun songs, and it doesn’t require much to enjoy them.

Track To Check Out: "Stay With You"

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Meetings signal start of sorority season

By Lizzie Cottrall
Staff Writer

If you take a look at High Point University’s monthly calendars this year, you may notice sorority interest meetings throughout the fall semester. The little bit of information on the calendar could leave some women questioning what the meetings are about or if they are inviting enough.

The sorority interest meetings are being held during the fall for anyone interested in women’s recruitment in January.

Meredith McCrea, Greek Life Coordinator at High Point University, wants to encourage women to at least come out and see if they are interested. “If anyone has questions, concerns, or anything putting them on the fence, those questions could be answered at these meetings,” McCrea explains. She thinks that even if female students haven’t found a connection with any of the current sororities on campus, they might find one with the upcoming Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Four current sororities and TriSigma, starting at High Point in the spring, will be involved with these meetings with the women. The meetings will introduce them to each sorority. There are three other sororities on campus, but they are not involved in this month’s meeting. Those have a different council and will have their own recruitment.

The sororities at the meetings are encouraging members to come out to the meetings to get a feel for each organization’s recruitment. The members are hoping to attract new members from this and other opportunities. Although if joining later in the year, sorority members want those who are interested to have a head start in putting themselves out there. McCrea said, “We have a lot of members who are part of a sorority who have disbanded and have put their章 to gathering interest in recruitment, but not to persuade the girls to join a certain sorority.

Each meeting also has a component to encourage philanthropy. At the October meeting, girls were asked to bring extra shoes. In November, the sororities will be collecting school supplies for elementary schools. The December meeting’s philanthropy contribution is still undecided, but ideas of working with Angel Tree or Make-a-Wish Foundation are in discussion.

McCrea explains that the purpose is to remind women that there is a community service component to joining a sorority in addition to the social element. Although the process can be overwhelming, McCrea thinks it is very important to come and try the meetings, even if you may think you have no interest in joining a sorority. She says, “It won’t mean you have to take a bid if offered one. Just come and see if you are interested.”

HPU welcomes new leadership and success

By Matt Wells
Organizations Editor

With the growth HPU has seen over the past few years in new buildings and amenities, it is no surprise that it keeps attracting new organizations such as the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS).

The NSLS was founded by Gary Tuerack for success-oriented people who wanted a forum to express ideas and push each other toward achieving goals. The common goal here at HPU, become a better leader.

The excitement over the possibilities of this new organization were expressed to founding member Labi Spoualla, this semester when she least expected it. “I was looking for internships and found out about the National Society of Leadership and Success. I knew that the students here at High Point would join the group and benefit from something like it.” After going through the interview process I got to meet lots of cool people and got some great tips for our chapter here!”

The society will allow for students to network with each other and set goals for work done on campus, such as papers and homework assignments. The groups will be goal oriented but will leave it up to the students to set their own goals. The common goal here at HPU is to network with each other and set their goals and determine their chances of obtaining a job after graduation. The letter is graded and the students are invited to write it for the college career center.

Another benefit the society offers is the ability to attend sessions with motivational speakers. There are a total of six each year and students are invited to participate in and help them establish the groups at HPU. McCrea said, “It is important to come and try the meetings, even if you may think you have no interest in joining a sorority.”

The NSLS are talking about is the personal letter of recommendation that comes upon interviewing for a job after graduation. The letter is signed by founder Gary Tuerack and is accompanied by a certificate, pin, and a shirt from the organization. “We are true believers in the benefits of this organization such as the introduction to vital skills necessary to further your career, personal job references from the founder of this organization, a more secured entry to the college career center, online job banks, and all of the extra push to realize your goals in life and how to achieve them,” continued Masmeter. “This organization is a great opportunity for all students to network, meet students with the same goals and motives as themselves and boost their chances of obtaining a job after graduation.”

TOMS Shoes makes an impact overseas and in High Point through students

By Samantha Tuthill
Online Editor

TOMS Shoes is a worldwide charity organization that has been helping needy children in developing nations since 2006. This group works to prevent death and injury caused by diseases in feel, the results of not wearing shoes. The concept is simple, for every pair of shoes purchased by the group sells, one pair will be given to a child who needs them. For many of the children who receive TOMS Shoes, it is the first pair of actual shoes they have ever owned.

As TOMS gains rapid national attention, campuses have been developing their own chapters that work towards promoting the cause. High Point University has its own TOMS Group on campus starting this year. In October a fundraiser benefit show was held. Features The Stairwells a cappella group from William and Mary and High Point’s own Toccatonotes. Videos showing the effects of not wearing shoes in third world countries as shoes was the main form of prevention for disease and defects in so many people around the world,” said Frost. “Social work students have been lucky enough to live privileged lives. We have at least had the proper clothing to wear for our entire lives.”

The group has been growing rapidly on campus, and others are encouraged to join in. By going online to www.tomsonline.com it is possible to order a pair of shoes and have a pair be given directly to a child in need. The site also has a link called Getting Involved, which students can follow to fill out an application to become campus representatives themselves. Members of the group collaborate to plan events across campus that will continue to raise awareness for this cause. “Helping people in even the smallest way is a great feeling and all it takes is the simple task of spreading the word about TOMS, which is something everyone can do,” Frost said.
Cherry, continued from cover
Cherry, who played on UNC's 1990 National Championship team, was hired as head coach on March 26 to replace Bart Lundy, who was let go after a frustrating 9-23 season. Apart from his impressive resume as a player, Cherry also brings with him a unique blend of coaching experience at all levels, from high school to the last 10 years as an assistant coach at Tennessee Tech, George Mason, Western Kentucky and, most recently, South Carolina. He believes it is this variety of different experiences that will help him relate to his players in the upcoming season.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to lead these young men and to help take this basketball program to new heights," said Cherry during his introductory press conference back in March.

Cherry added more Tar Heel heritage to his bench on April 4 when he announced the hiring of former UNC guard Wes Miller as assistant coach. "He is definitely a winner and somebody who will work hard and I can't be happier to have him on my staff," Cherry said.

The program further boosted its coaching staff again with the additions of former UNCG assistant Kevin Easley on April 10 and former Miami Hurricanes assistant Mike Balado on April 28.

All the new movement and changes has the team and its staff excited, but they realize that it will be a process and that a challenging season is about to begin as they continue to adapt and learn a new system that requires effective speed to push and elevate the ball in transition on offense and play a man-to-man pressure defense.

High Point returns seven players who accounted for 80 percent of its scoring last season. Sophomore guard Nick Parakhouski, who was selected again in the most recent preseason poll on Oct. 13. Last season's Big South Conference Player of the Year, Parakhouski was selected again to receive 24 out of a possible 25 first-place votes. UNC-Asheville, Tennessee Tech, George Mason and former Miami Hurricanes assistant Mike Balado on the list.

The most recent victory for High Point came on Oct. 24 with a frustrating 1-0 loss to Radford, which curtailed the team's recent run of success on Oct. 24 with a 3-1 win over conference foe Presbyterian. "It is something to build on in the final push toward the Big South Championship," said head coach Jason Oliver after the game.

The Panthers, currently tied for seventh in the Big South standings, need to avoid a last place finish in order to qualify for the Big South Championship game is set for Nov. 15 at Vert Track and Field. The Panthers will clinch the top seed in the Big South Conference tournament with a win over Radford this season. On Oct. 30, the team responded to its recent struggles by edging out a hard-fought 2-1 home win over conference foe Presbyterian.

Whittaker sparks late-season turnaround for women's soccer team
By Tony Gutowski
SPORTS Editor
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With tournament in town, men's soccer on right foot
By Ryan McCarthy
Staff Writer
In what started off as a season of early success and early question marks, the men's soccer team has shown that a heart is not just a pump in the way it has come on and played strong as of late.

After starting the season 6-4, the Panthers began to truly show their growth and chemistry when they took on fellow Big South member Presbyterian on Oct. 10, the second game of a season-long four-game home stand. In the game, the Panthers battled Presbyterian to a hard fought 2-1 double-overtime victory on a Shawn Sloan goal. High Point followed up that victory with another double-overtime contest, this time a 0-0 tie against Coastal Carolina on Oct. 17 in which the Panthers outshot the Chanticleers 15-8.

On Oct. 21, the Panthers traveled to Raleigh, to take on the 14th ranked N.C. State Wolfpack, which resulted in a heart-scratching 2-1 loss for the Panthers when the Wolfpack booted in the game-winner in the 90th minute of play.

The most recent victory for High Point came against Liberty on Nov. 4. Karo Okiomah netted a 25-yard blast to take a 2-1 lead with three minutes remaining in regulation. The win means that if Radford defeats or ties Coastal Carolina on Nov. 7 High Point will clinch the top seed in the Big South Conference tournament championship game.

Freshman Shawn Sloan continued to improve upon his impressive rookie campaign on Oct. 30, scoring two goals in a span of 23 seconds in the second half of a 4-0 win over conference foe VMI. The victory improved the Panthers' mark to 9-5-2 overall and an impressive 5-1-2 in the Big South. The Panthers finish up the regular season by hitting the road to close the regular season against rival Liberty (Nov. 10) and Charleston Southern (Nov. 13). The Big South tournament will be held Nov. 19-21 at Radford.

Volleyball team tries to dig itself out of cellar
By Jordan Cover
Staff Writer
Wandering like a young child looking for its bowl of mac and cheese, the High Point volleyball team this season has wandered to find the ability to be a consistent game in and game out. The trend that has plagued the team all season has continued.

After dropping three straight matches in the past week, the Panthers (13-14) find themselves near the cellar of the Big South conference with a 3-8 conference record.

Following two road losses to Winthrop and Coastal Carolina, two top contenders for this season's Big South title, High Point put up another disappointing effort in a 3-1 loss to Radford, which currently resides in last place. It was High Point's second loss to Radford this season. On Oct. 30, the team responded to its recent struggles by edging out a hard-fought 3-1 home win over conference foe Presbyterian.

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2-1 double-overtime victory courtesy of freshman Jacey Whittaker's game-winning goal. The goal came when Whittaker poled in the rebound after Robin Pecoraro's shot deflected off the crossbar following a corner kick. The goal was Whittaker's third consecutive game-winning score. "It's extremely rare for someone to score game-winning goals three games in a row, especially for a freshman," said head coach Marty Beall after the win. "I've never heard of it, never seen it."

On Sunday, Nov. 1, the Panthers closed out their regular season at UNCG Ashevilie with a frustrating 1-0 loss after an early penalty kick by the Bulldogs' McKenna Stockhausen in the 13th minute of regulation.

High Point finished the regular season with a 4-4-1 mark in the Big South and 5-14-1 overall as the Panthers head to Daniel Island, S.C. for the Big South Tournament being held Nov. 5-8.
Cross country teams prowl way to NCAA Regionals

By Kimberly Mannino
Staff Writer

The men’s cross-country team galloped through Boone, N.C. on Oct. 31, winning the Blue Ridge Open. Sophomore Neal Darmondy placed seventh overall and senior Josh Morgan took ninth leading the Panthers to the victory. Junior Devin Monds had a strong finish to place 19th. Dakota Peechee was closely behind Monds, finishing in 25th place.

The Panther men finished the day with a score of 76 points, just one point ahead of runner-up Davidson. Winterink followed closely behind, placing eighth out of 15 teams. Junior Emily Webb was the first Panther across the finish line, finishing in 25th.

Seniors Joya Canfield and Geneva Winterink followed closely behind, finishing 28th and 29th respectively. There was a very strong field competing on the women’s side, with ACC member Duke taking the win ahead of ACC rival Virginia Tech, UNC Wilmington, Appalachian State and VMI.

In the Big South Cross Country Championships on Oct. 31, which were hosted by High Point at Shady Oaks in Winston-Salem, the Panther men and women’s teams both finished in second place, respectively. The Liberty Flames won the men’s team championship with 33 points. The men’s team received an impressive performance by senior Josh Morgan, who finished third with a time of 25:48, earning All-Conference honors.

Junior Jevin Monds, finishing in 25th place, had a strong finish to place 19th. Senior Josh Morgan was closely behind Monds, finishing in 25th place. The women’s team garnered second place behind Big South champion Liberty after a strong performance by Webb, who finished eighth with a time of 19:12 to earn All-Big South honors. Senior Geneva Winterink finished 11th in a time of 19:21 while fellow senior Joya Canfield finished in a time of 19:32 to place 13th.

Canfield was also named to the Big South All-Academic Team. VMI’s Hannah Granger finished first in the women’s 6K to take home Runner of the Year honors.

Up next for the teams is the NCAA Southeast Regional in Louisville, Ky. on Nov. 14.

Women’s basketball named Big South preseason favorites

By Tony Gutowski
Sports Editor

The beginning of a new season brings new hope and new expectations. This holds especially true for the High Point University women’s basketball team this season as it gets set to begin what is expected by the Big South Conference to be a successful one when the Panthers open up on Nov. 13 against Navy in the first of two games at the Phoenix Classic at Elon University. The next day (Nov. 14), the Panthers will face Youngstown State.

The Panthers have been relatively successful in recent seasons under head coach Toosie Loy, finishing last season 15-16 (10-6 in the Big South) and earning the No. 2 seed in the Big South Tournament before losing to Gardner-Webb in the semifinals.

This season, though, brings even higher goals and expectations from not only the Panthers themselves, but also from coaches in the Big South Conference and various members of the media as High Point was selected in a tie with Liberty for first in the Big South preseason poll.

This is the first time in High Point’s history that the women’s basketball team has been selected for first in the Big South Preseason Poll.

The Panthers and Flames both received seven first-place votes, while Gardner-Webb came in third with four first-place votes.

All five Panther starters from last season’s squad have returned, led by 2009-10 Big South Preseason Player of the Year Jurica Hargraves, the second-highest returning scorer in the conference, with 13.5 points per game. A junior biology major, Hargraves is the second highest returning scorer in the conference team. Maier led the Big South in total blocked shots for the season with 84. She also led High Point last season in free throw percentage (69.4) and three-point shooting percentage (42.9).

The Panthers will find out very soon whether or not they can live up to all the hype and successfully respond to challenges that lie ahead of them from being selected the early favorites.

High Point plays its first home game on Nov. 11 against UNCG before hitting the road for a four-game stretch beginning at Wake Forest on Nov. 25, then visiting South Carolina on Dec. 2 and Georgia Mason on Dec. 4, before finishing up the trip in Washington, D.C. against American University on Dec. 6.

Right before the holidays, the Panthers will head to Gainesville, Fla. on Dec. 21 and Dec. 22 to participate in the Gator Classic. The Panthers open up Big South Conference play on Jan. 2 when they host Charleston Southern. Co-Big South foe Gardner-Webb on Feb. 13.

High Point will host the Big South Tournament for a second consecutive year beginning on March 12. The Championship game is on March 14.
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