Baseball season has arrived at High Point University. Twelve freshmen and four new transfers are on this year’s roster, bringing fresh perspectives to the team that had signature wins over Duke and North Carolina in 2009, as well as two wins over Coastal Carolina, which was ranked in the top 25 at the time.

HPU was pegged to finish fifth in the Big South this season. Read why second-year head coach Craig Cozart thinks the team will improve on last season’s finish on page 11.
Letters to the editor

In response to the editorial, "Why does it take an earthquake to move us?" I fully agree with the opinion about why there should be more concern for the Haitian people. But I would have added some facts about the earthquake itself, and an example of a group that can pose as a role model for High Point University students.

Some facts to use: 200,000 people dead, and countless others injured, homeless, without food, water and other basic amenities.

Another way to phrase the situation is, "Estimates suggest that over 3 million people are in need of immediate shelter and non-food assistance: wounds for people still not treated for trauma wounds." I think if I was added as an example of the struggles the people are facing, it would hit readers on a much deeper level.

As for the group, Humanity First, this could be a group that can be demonstrated as the role model that High Point University could look to in its relief efforts.

Basically, I'd add a tear-jerking example to why there needs to be more help involved with Haiti.

- Abby Wood

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**Editorials**

**Friday, February 26, 2010**

**Letters to the editor**

**By Amanda Mayes**

**Staff Writer**

A degree from a liberal arts institution ideally reflects an individual with in-depth knowledge of one discipline and strong foundational knowledge in various other topics. This was my guiding light during my college search. Is my beacon still shining bright? Or have I delved too far into the darkness?

Contemplate liberal arts education in practice, specifically at High Point University. A cap on the number of hours students can take in a given semester was not burdened with too many classes, that our course choices were somewhat limited and archaic, and I wonder why. General education requirements give students a smattering of classes in various disciplines. In theory, this allows students to gain foundational knowledge in disciplines disparate from their major(s). This creates a well-rounded individual; a noble goal, to be sure. But is it possible or even probable in the established system of requirements to graduate students with liberal arts knowledge?

There was a time when we could do it all: math, science, English, foreign languages, history, fine arts. Now? One focus. One interest. What is narrow upper-level knowledge going to accomplish? Higher education, particularly liberal arts education, is meant to broaden minds and allow the Renaissance person to flourish. I dreamed of a chance to enhance skills learned in high school in similar fields in college. I thought there would be the opportunity to explore and gain efficiency in multiple disciplines. This prepares us to handle the curveballs thrown from a global and interdependent world requiring flexibility and a wide knowledge base. Time for a reality check: My brain is consumed with political science, history, and theatre. Not that I mind. I love these disciplines. But I feel my skills in other areas shrinking. I am burning out too early on in my academic career from limiting my mind’s capabilities.

There is considerable flexibility in choosing a course to fulfill each category. But despite this flexibility and range of courses offered, there are significant oversights. Students must take a Western civilization course. But where is the Eastern one? How can we expect to enter our interconnected world without basic knowledge of the history of some of our greatest competitors and allies?

It is not impossible, but it is incredibly difficult to graduate with multiple majors or degrees. I have a wide range of interests and passions, reflected in my double major in Political Science and History, and a minor in Theatre. I have been lucky enough to have departments willing to work with each other about my tight course scheduling. Even though I have had considerable support, it has been difficult to balance and enjoy these three disciplines. Other students with wide-ranging passions are not so fortunate. Staggering numbers of hours for some majors, general education requirements, inflexible course scheduling, and departmental attitudes towards a student with competing academic interests force students to pick the practical path, eliminating dreams and stagnating minds.

Narrowing our focus and mental capacity to one or two areas has had and will have to continue repercussions on society. Disciplines are interconnected, not solitary. People cannot hope to solve the growing problems and crises in the world without basic knowledge of the fields connected to their major.

I challenge HPU to examine its new four-credit plans for Fall 2010. Reduce superfluous, outdated courses, expand the hour cap for students andhonors students, and reevaluate general education requirements to meet the demands of a modern, global world.

Mental stagnation and prohibiting exploration will not graduate students ready to live in reality and create positive change.

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**Find focus in liberal arts**

**By Amanda Mayes**

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Punish the deed and not the breed

By Samantha Tuthill
Opinion Editor

A few months ago, I wrote an article about the benefits of adopting pets versus buying them from pet stores and back yard breeders, and the things that people need to keep in mind when they get an animal. Adopting my puppy, Luna, has also brought another set of issues to my attention: breed stereotypes and restrictions.

Luna is a six month old American Staffordshire terrier (AmStaffs), more commonly known as a pit bull. I conducted research on breeds to help me pick out what kind of dog I wanted to rescue. Even though most adoptable pets aren’t certified in their breed or are mixes, I wanted a dog that was dominant in a breed that was known to be energetic, cautious of strangers but friendly with people it knew, one that would learn quickly and that likes to please people. My research pointed me to the AmStaff. As soon as I saw Luna, a nine pound, two month old ball of energy, I knew she was exactly what I wanted.

As soon as I started telling people what kind of dog I got, I started getting all kinds of useless information about the dangers of pit bulls from people with no actual proof or research. Yet, AmStaffs are used a lot in dog fighting. This is because they are strong and energetic, which makes them can fight for longer periods of time than other breeds. They are also fast learners and are loyal to their owners. That makes it easier for dog fighters to abuse dogs to make them anxious enough to fight with a diminished risk that they will attack the owner.

There are also more cases of people being bitten by AmStaffs than by any other breed, a fact that can be contributed to human behavior more than the breed itself. People who want violent “guard” dogs typically go for pit bulls, rottweilers, dobermanns, dogs that have the image of being fierce. Any dog will be dangerous if trained to be, they are animals, after all. More people train “bully breeds” to be bullies, bullies, bullies, which is why there are more incidences with them.

People also tend to make bigger deals out of pit bull attacks than any other breed. If a lab is playing too rough with a child and bites, it’s more likely that it will be attributed to an accident because labs are not as vicious as pit bulls. But if an AmStaff is playing and bites, it’s because it is a killing machine. The fact of the matter is, no child should ever be left to just play unsupervised with any animal. No matter how hard a person trains a dog to behave, it’s still an animal and can unpredictable.

There was a case recently where a pit bull had to be put down for attacking a five year old girl. That child went up to it in its yard. The situation is so tragic, and that child deserves nothing but sympathy. Of course there was something wrong with the animal for biting the child, but why was a five year old able to just wander into a neighbor’s yard unattended in the first place? If the child was being properly supervised, then the situation would have never happened. No one knew that dog was trying to play, fell attacked, or just went after it unprompted. If a dog isn’t socialized to children and then one just comes up and starts being too rough with it, it is very likely that the dog will be rough back.

When my little Luna was teething and chewed on everything and everything, that’s what I get for getting a pit bull. “Well, that’s what you get for getting a pit bull.” What I get for getting a pit bull, is a five year old girl able to get a stereotyped breed, make sure you work hard to train it early because you will always have something to prove to someone. Luna is an affordable dog that loves to follow us around and adores people. I even took her to a pet store and she was the center of attention. She was excitedly wagged her tail and tried to play with every person who passed her. Yet when I move this May, my family and I will face trouble trying to find a home because people will deem her dangerous because of how other people mistreat her breed.

Always be aware with any animal that it might be accidental, and that means no matter how well trained or seemingly sweet, it can still be unpredictable. But when it comes to dog breeds, the way they were raised has a much bigger impact than what’s called their breed.
example, my friend Karen needed to buy contact lens solution. The only place she could find it was at a pharmacy, or, I love it here. Nevertheless, there are some things that the USA has that Australia just doesn’t.
The first thing is 24-hour, one stop shopping. In Australia, malls close at 5 p.m. every night and earlier on the weekends. They have no Wal-Mart, and Target does not sell all of the same things that Targets in the U.S. do. For

Tuition to rise $2000 for next school year

By Lauren Reese & Kait Heckenberger
Staff Writers

Tuition and room and board costs at HPU are being raised from $33,400 to $35,400 next year.
HPU started using a comprehensive fee four years ago following behind only a few other colleges in the U.S. that also use a comprehensive fee; some of them being Amherst College, Middlebury College, and Colby College.
A student’s extra $2,000 strictly goes to 25 new faculty members, three new majors, and faculty salaries, according to vice president for academic affairs Dennis Carroll. The new faculty come at a high price due to their higher education from prominent colleges.
Each student’s tuition fee is exempt from the cost of any new buildings, such as the Greek Village and the education building that are still under deliberation. “We’ve (HPU endowment) issued some bonds and some debt,” said vice president for financial affairs William Duncan, regarding new and future buildings costs.
The increase still puts HPU at a $35,400 next year. The only disadvantage is when you have to run out at 2 a.m. for the poster board for your project you waited until the last minute to do. Then you are in trouble.

Studying abroad: missing American men and malls

By Katie Nelson
Foreign Correspondent

Last time I had left you, I was on my way to a laser maze. It was pretty amazing and extremely trippy.
However, today I want to talk about some of the big differences here. Don’t get me wrong; I love it here. Nevertheless, there are some things that the USA has that Australia just doesn’t.
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Hodan Ibrahim

By Laura Johnson
Staff Writer

Name: Hodan Ibrahim
Job: Grille Cashier
Hometown: I’m originally from Somalia, but I grew up in Kenya before coming to the United States.
How long have you worked at HPU? Since Nov. 13, 2007
Favorite thing to do when not working? I love to read novels.
Interests/Hobbies: Soccer. I used to play soccer in elementary and high school. Now I just play soccer with my little brothers.

Hodan Ibrahim stops for a picture at the Grille.
Photo by Laura Johnson.
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Clockwise from top left: 2009-2010 assistant editor Allison Hogshead tries on an eccentric hat while at the 2009 ACP Convention in Austin, Tex. Chronicle editors had the opportunity to attend the convention on an SGA-funded trip.

Katie Nelson shakes hands with a kangaroo at an animal sanctuary while doing study abroad in Australia. Katie currently serves as the Chronicle’s foreign correspondent.

Editor-in-chief Mike Nuckles takes in the environment at Fire & Sticks in Greensboro. Mike will be attending law school at Indiana University in the fall.

A group of editors enjoy Halloween on Sixth Street in Austin, Tex.

Allison and organizations editor Matt Wells experience world-famous hot sauce in Austin. Matt also serves as the station manager of HPU Radio.

Mike and Katie show off their contrasting styles and personalities. The two had a political talk show on HPU Radio in the Fall 2009 semester.
And the Oscar goes to...

By Trent Schneider

Staff Writer

It’s that time of the year again. No Christmas, though that would be nice. It’s time for the Oscars. That’s right the 82nd Annual Academy Awards is coming up on Sunday, March 7. Once again those stars we like to watch in movies are going to gather in one spot to see who was voted best in a series of different categories.

Some of the biggest of these categories are the Best Motion Picture of the Year, Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role, and Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role. The Nominees for Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role are Ryan Gosling for “Blue Valentine,” Heath Ledger for “The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus,” Matt Damon for “The Adjustment Bureau,” James Franco for “127 Hours,” and Morgan Freeman for “The Hurt Locker.” In this category, my vote would be for Heath Ledger for “The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus.” He played the emotionally damaged, military bomb diffuser very well. He is able to truly portray a man who creates both hatred and love by those around him.

In the category of Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role, we have Meryl Streep for “Julie & Julia,” Sandra Bullock for “The Blind Side,” Leslie Mann for “Pineapple Express,” and Gabourey Sidibe for “Precious.” For this category, I think it is a tight race between Sandra Bullock and Meryl Streep. Both did excellent jobs playing their roles in their films, so deciding between the two will be difficult. Meryl Streep was able to pull off her character, Julia, with an amazingly well done accent and a flawless replication of the original Julia Child’s demeanor. Sandra Bullock made many truly believe she was a wealthy, Southern woman who had the compassion to help a young man with a hard life.

With all of the different categories for the Oscars, I couldn’t possibly cover each one, but with all of the movies that came out in 2009, it will be a great year to watch and see how your favorite movies of the year will do.

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Thursday nights at 10 p.m.
on FX

From punk-rock to rap; bridging the musical gap

By Jen Paulino

A&E Editor

I love a challenge. When someone asks something of me, it’s a rarity when I’ll refuse. I was challenged to write about a genre of music that I know very little about. I was asked to immerse myself in something that is absolutely foreign to me, something that does not flow through me naturally. I was asked to write about hip-hop.

I approached this project with trepidation, with a fear that I would not be able to find a way to tie in my passion for music with a genre that goes right over my head. Surprisingly, I found an underground world of rap music that can be directly linked to the cutting edge punk-rock scene. Whoever said that music doesn’t bleed over into other genres was clearly lying. The skinny jeans wearing, mohawk-rocking punk kids who you would more often than not find hanging outside of a CBGBs seem to indulge in a little hip-hop every now and again.

Artist: Pete Rock and C.L. Smooth
Song: Come Close
Why You Should Listen: The beat picks up a little bit on this track, and the snare is definitely more prominent. But it’s the horns that kick us back to the 1970’s. There’s always that one thing about a song that gets you hooked, and without a doubt, that’s it.

Artist: Flipsyde
Song: Train
Why You Should Listen: The beat of this song might be forgettable, but it’s the lyrics that are truly amazing. Check out the second verse and you’ll understand what I’m talking about.

Artist: Atmosphere
Song: Yesterday
Why You Should Listen: It may not have the fast-paced, snare-based sound that you probably expect when it comes to punk-rock, but if I can enjoy it, you probably can too. The beat stays consistent and the jazzy-esque piano that lingers throughout the song is catchy in a way that I never thought hip-hop could be.

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High Point University acapella groups to release a new CD

By Samantha Tuthill
Opinion Editor

High Point University's two a cappella groups will both be putting out CDs this spring. This is the first recording for the all female singing group, the Petal Points, who will begin recording this month. The group, which is completely student run, is still relatively new on campus, having only been recognized by SGA for a couple of years. The work that went into setting up for the recording started four semesters ago, and the group is excited to see it coming together.

"Now that we are more established and better than we ever have been before, this is the time to do it," said group president Ashlie Workman. The group holds auditions every fall for any full time, female student who wants to join. They hope to be able to start competing in singing competitions next year, and to continue their mission to provide entertainment to the university and the surrounding community. "Being in Petal Points has enriched my life this year, and it is such a wonderful experience to be able to sing and perform with a great group of girls," said junior Becca Donald. Donald is new to the group this year and is thrilled to be part of the first group recording.

For the all male singing group, the Toccatones, this upcoming CD is the first to come out in several years. "It's been a long time since our last CD. A lot of the members who recorded on it aren't here anymore, and a lot of the current singers haven't been recorded yet, so I feel like this new one definitely needed," said Toccatones singer Cody Russell.

"We have worked hard to get to where we are today and have had a lot of help and support from our student body, university and the surrounding community. I believe recording a CD exemplifies the group's growth in talent and its maturity in the outlook for what the present and the future hold," said group president Clint Cooper. The Petal Points hope to have their CD ready this April. Some of the songs that will be on it are "The Rose," "I Can See Clearly Now," and a combination of "Sweet Dreams" and "Poker Face." The Toccatones CD will include the songs "Poa la Vida," "Apologize," and "Have a Little Faith in Me." It will be available by April 23, the date of their spring concert. The Petal Points' spring concert is April 28.

The two groups did their first joint concert this past December, collecting toys and money for Fox 8's Gifts for Kids. They will be performing in the Festival of Music, and singing the National Anthem and halftime shows for basketball games.

Top six places to kick back and relax this spring break

By Jen Paolino
A&E Editor

Spring break is just around the corner, and if you haven't started planning your trip yet, well, you're probably a little too late. Okay, I'm kidding, but you are beginning to run out of time. If you're worried that you might pick the lamest place for you and your friends, quit freaking out. Here are the top six places to hit up this spring break:

Cancun: With great beaches and an even greater nightlife, it might not come as a shock to you that Cancun is still the number one spring break destination. Hit the sand with your friends and a tropical drink on this little slice of Mexican heaven.

Acapulco: Mexico snagged yet another spot on our top six list. The beauty of this city is that you can get the best of both beach worlds. Spend a quiet day with your friends on secluded beaches like Playa Pie de la Cuesta, or be seen by everyone at jam-packed hot spots like La Condesa. Either way, you're sure to have an amazing time and come back with a killer tan.

Panama City, Florida: If you aren't really into leaving the country, don't worry, you can rage with all your friends in the States. It's just all about partying here, though. Take a second to enjoy 27 miles of pristine beach along Florida's west coast.

Bahamas: Not only does this Caribbean oasis have crystal clear water and sand so white it looks like snow, but it has fabulous resorts like The Atlantis that absolutely have to make your list of places to stay. It may be a little pricey, but the glass-enclosed water slide is sure to make it worth your while.

Miami/South Beach, Florida: As if this city didn't already have a reputation for being the place to party, the club scene in South Beach is out of this world, but if you're looking to keep your wallets full, head over to Miami Beach, where the scene is just as hot for half the price.

Puerta Vallarta: Where else can you have all the luxuries of a beach town mixed with the perks of the mountains? Um... Puerta Vallarta, duh. This Mexican city is known for its versatility, and it's not too pricey either. It's all-inclusive hotel deals are great for college students who don't want the hassle of having to leave their resort. But, if adventure is what you're craving, don't hesitate to pursue or mountain bike, two awesome activities that you normally wouldn't find in the same place. Does it get any better than that?

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Kappa Sigma makes six fraternities for HPU

By Alex Ruano
Staff Writer

With IFC recruitment week occurring in late January on campus, it would appear that everyone who was rushing a fraternity had already done so. However, this is not the case.

A new fraternity, Kappa Sigma, held its recruitment week in the first week of February. Brandon Rivera, a current junior and Kappa Sigma president, was the one who showed an interest in starting a colony at HPU.

"I didn't really find a fit for myself, but I still wanted to be part of Greek life. I wanted to start something new and fresh in Greek life," Rivera said.

Rivera stated that Kappa Sigma is trying to promote change within Greek life and the university. "We are a group of great guys trying to break the stereotypes and be an exceptional group of gentlemen based on good values and morals."

Interest was initially started in December 2008, a few students, including Rivera, stated their case as to why Kappa Sigma should come to be on the campus. However, Greek Life wanted them to wait until the spring semester to see how the interest in starting a colony was going.

"Greek Life wasn't quite ready for us; they weren't ready for expansion," said Rivera. "We contacted headquarters of the fraternity and reformed our group in the spring of 2009."

They later held an interest session in the fall of 2009, staff from the headquarters came down to check on progress.

After this, Greek life said yes to expansion and the group came into existence.

"We had 34 people originally to start the colony," said Rivera. Initially, Kappa Sigma requires that a colony have at least 26 people to start an organization on campus.

Starting a nationally recognized fraternity, Kappa Sigma or any other Greek organization, involves a few steps. First, an individual or group must contact the headquarters of the fraternity they wish to bring to campus. Following that, a representative meets with the interested party to answer questions and meet with university officials.

After this is done, headquarters typically stay in contact with the individual or group and will continue to help them build interest in the new colony, which is what all fraternities start out as.

Finally, the headquarters of the fraternity sends staff to facilitate a "colony kick-off week-end" on the prospective campus; the purpose of the weekend is to facilitate activities that involve goal setting, brotherhood building, and training.

Once word got around on campus about a new fraternity being colonized, students jumped at the opportunity to be a founding member of the new fraternity.

Other Kappa Sigma members believe this is the right direction for HPU. "I believe that Kappa Sigma represents what our school is all about: change. Just like HPU, we are constantly striving for excellence," said sophomore Danny Rose.

"As far as what Kappa Sigma is trying to do for the campus, we are trying to enhance the Greek System here at HPU and I feel we have started this," said Chris Terragni, a sophomore at HPU.

Gay-Straight Alliance looks to “unite” High Point University

By Matt Wells
Organizations Editor

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"We want to become chartered for the acceptance from the administration and we want a budget to attend rallies like the equality march," says Jacqueline Anderson, president of GSA.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the GSA, plan to go to a meeting to see what they are about for yourself, go to one of their meetings every Tuesday from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., or contact Anderson, vice president Andrew Burke, secretary Anna Hackelba, or treasurer Sarah Hoffman for more information.

Phi Mu Hoop-a-Palanza scores big for Charity

The inaugural members of Kappa Sigma are seen on their bid day. Photo by Matt Wells.

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Men's basketball coming down to the wire

By Jordan Cover
Staff Writer

Sometimes all it takes is one game, one defining moment, to permanently alter the course of a team's season. For High Point, that big moment may have come when the Panthers pulled off a 69-65 upset of Big South leader Coastal Carolina.

"It was a huge win," head coach Scott Cherry said after the game. "This was a big game where we needed everyone to perform, and they did." High Point, despite coming out as a heavy underdog, immediately took control of the game thanks to a stout defensive performance, holding the Big South's second highest scoring team to just 65 points.

"We definitely stepped up on defense," Cherry added. "Craig Daniels and Corey Law made some key plays; Eugene Harris played really well. The entire team showed a lot of confidence and really fed off the energy from the crowd."

The win, which was followed by another home win against Charleston Southern, also came at a critical point in the season, as the team abruptly put an end to its cold streak, during which it had lost six of its previous eight games. Consistency has been an issue for the young Panthers, but they have shown the ability to compete with any team on any given night, defeating all but one of the conference's top teams.

Cherry is pleased by the progress that has been made over the course of the season. "We have really grown a lot this year. We're still such a young team, and the improvements we've made after having such a terrible season last year are really promising," he said.

That improvement has been noticeable, as the Panthers, who finished in last place in the conference in 2009, have spent most of the season in the top half of the league.

"This year I've been trying to get them to focus on refining their basketball skills and fundamentals and boosting confidence. They've really shown it so far this season and they'll only continue to get better.

We've played well in the conference so far and hopefully we can get a home game [in the conference tournament]," said Cherry.

In order to get a home game, the Panthers, with an 8-8 record in the Big South and a 13-14 overall record, will have to finish in the top four in the Big South standings. The Big South Conference tournament is not held at a neutral location; instead, the team with the better seed will host that specific game. Home court advantage is critical for High Point, which is 10-1 at home and 9-13 on the road. Having a home game to start off the tournament would be critical for both an advantage in the opening round and continuing to build momentum if the Panthers were to face one of the conference's most formidable opponents later on.

The team has set itself up well for the future. The team only loses two seniors, Harris and Daniels, to graduation this year. However, they had major impacts on the team, starting every game in 2009-2010, scoring a combined 21.1 points per game and pulling down 8.6 rebounds per game this season.

"I really like the direction we're going in. We have a lot of great young players, a strong recruiting class coming in, and we're already playing well. I'm really excited to see what this team can do."

For now, however, the focus is on finishing the season strong and putting the team in the best position possible for the conference tournament.

Women's lacrosse to become the new NCAA sport on campus

By Megan Plasket
Staff Writer

Women's lacrosse, a sport of high athleticism and fast paced semi-contact action, is new to this campus but it is growing rapidly. The sport, which was introduced to the school in 2006 as a club team, drew considerable interest on campus.

With the interest and the growth of our athletic department the sport will become a competitive Division 1 team.

The new team, announced in September 2008, worked at a fast pace to be a reality in the fall of 2010. The coaching staff announced over the summer includes head coach Lyndsey Boswell and assistant coach Whitney Michele.

Boswell and Michele have compiled a 20-member recruiting class in just one year. An initial announcement was made in December, while an additional 10 players were added to the roster in January.

The players are from all over the eastern seaboard including groups of girls who have played together before.

Though the Panthers lost 4-0 with two goals scored per half, the game still benefited both teams.

"We're excited that we got the opportunity for a challenge against an MLS opponent," head coach Dustin Fonder said. "The experience will definitely make us better as we travel during this spring in preparation for collegiate opponents."

The first game for Philadelphia Union will be March 25 against the Seattle Sounders. The Panthers start their spring training schedule with a home exhibition double header on Saturday, Feb. 27. At 4 p.m. the team will play Pfeiffer and another game against UNC at 7 p.m.
Women's basketball has eyes on championship

By Kelsey Hinchliffe
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team is still in contention for the Big South Conference Championship as they defeated UNC Asheville this past weekend, 78-49, making their conference record 8-5. The Lady Panthers started the game with a 6-0 lead and within the first five minutes forced three turnovers against UNC Asheville. At the half, the Lady Panthers had a 42-21 lead.

Freshman Erin Reynolds led the Lady Panthers with 15 points, closely followed by Jurica Hargraves and Mackenzie Maier, who scored 11 and 10 points respectively. Hargraves's points have put her over the 1,000 mark for total points scored in her collegiate career.

In their win over Radford University, 88-74, the Panthers also had five players scoring in double digits.

"Against Radford we played the type of basketball we want to play. We pressured on defense and pushed the ball in transition on offense. In the half court we shared the ball and took good shots. We need to continue this type of basketball into the conference tournament," head coach Tooey Loy said.

HPU will host the Big South Conference Tournament this year from March 12-14. The conference championship has been the ultimate goal for this team since the beginning. Maier is already looking ahead to that tournament. "Our strategy is very simple. In order for us to win any game we need to play together for 40 minutes, whether it is a regular season game or the Big South Championship. We are at our best when we push the ball and really run on teams, so we aim to do that every game," Maier said.

Coach Loy also commented on the team's ultimate goal of becoming Big South Champions. "We are trying to get back to the type of basketball we were playing in late December and January. The team is really working hard in practice and staying together as a group to achieve our goal of making the NCAA tournament."

Along with their two recent wins over UNC Asheville and Radford, the Panthers have also had one of their own named Big South Player of the Week. Reynolds was named Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 8. Loy commented on Reynolds's recognition. "Erin has had a great freshman year. She is going to be a great player for us over the next three years. When her game becomes more consistent and she learns to run the team she will be one of the best players in the conference."

The women's basketball team has also been promoting community service. In their Women's Basketball Coaches Association Pink Zone game, the Panthers helped to raise money for breast cancer research.

"I think everyone knows someone who has been affected by breast cancer. We are very honored to help such a great effort in helping find a cure," said Loy.

The Panthers play their next game at Winthrop on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 4 p.m.

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Amy Dodd (Forward)
Women's Basketball

Hometown: Apex, N.C.

Year in school: Junior

Major and career plans: Sports Management; possibly law school to become a sports agent

Other campus activities you are involved in: None, but team is involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters

Most memorable Basketball moment at High Point: "When we beat Florida last December and I won the MVP of the tournament"

Interests/Hobbies: Watching movies, playing soccer, mini-golfing, bowling, and any activity where one can compete

Amy Dodd is a junior forward. Photo by Steven Haller.

Favorite Quote: "When life kicks you, let it kick you forward" -Kay Yow

Favorite Celebrity: Angelina Jolie "I would like to be her someday."

One thing you could never live without: Code Red Mountain Dew and soda in general

Greatest motivation during game: "My teammates and my dad, who texts me about my games."

Best advice you have ever received: “Follow your heart and do whatever makes you happy,” -Dodd’s parents to her

Music you listen to before a game: "In the locker room, we listen to Gospel music before a game."
Track and field still finishing up indoor season

By Jarrett Rice
Staff Writer

As the Panthers' indoor track team begins gearing up for the Big South Conference Championship, it has bigger goals in mind. Head coach Mike Esposito was not discouraged by the team’s performance in the Virginia Tech challenge last weekend in Blacksburg, Va.

"We felt short...but I'm confident that the team will be ready for the Big South Challenge," Esposito said. "I know we're doing the right things; we just need to bounce back at the championship meet."

In the Tech Challenge on Feb. 20, the Panthers' top performers were Josh Morgan, who placed ninth in the 800-meter (2:03.19), and Jevin Monds, who took ninth in the mile (4:13.18).

At the Husky Classic in Seattle, Washington, Jesse Cherry broke his own school record (originally 14:14.18) for the 5,000-meter race, running a 14:02.86. This race ranks him 17th in the NCAA and provisionally qualifies him for the NCAA Indoor Championships. Also running the 5,000 meters was graduate student Cole Atkins, posting his personal best time of 14:17.66. That time put Atkins in 40th on the national list.

For the women's team, sophomore Manika Gamble provided the best finish of the day. She placed seventh in the 400-meter exactly one day after she set an HPU record in the 200-meter.

The freshman trio of Kelsey Paige, Danie Paul and Emma Tobin finished in 18th, 19th and 24th in the 800-meter. Senior Jaya Canfield not only won her heat but set an HPU record in the 1,000-meter (breaking Sumiya Hunter's school record of 2:55.59).

Rachel Webb placed 13th in the pole vault with a height of 9'10", Joy Hunt took 16th in the weight throw with a toss of 42'7.5". Fresher Myree Pina took 18th place with a distance 367.5" in the weight throw.
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