Sophomore forward Fejiro Okiomah was named the Big South Player of the Week twice this season. He is second on the team and third in the Big South with 23 points and 10 goals on the season so far. Photo courtesy of HPU Sports Information.

By Pat Budd
Staff Writer

At the beginning of the season, redshirt sophomore Ryan Bennett outlined the goals for the High Point University Men's soccer team: win the conference, win at least 13 games, win the Big South Championship, go undefeated at home, and compete in the NCAA tournament. Bennett admitted that the goals were high, but needed to be set high with the much anticipated season. To their expectations, the team is on pace to achieve all of their goals.

On Oct. 27, the team clinched their first ever Big South regular season championship in a dramatic 2-1 victory over rival, Coastal Carolina. Sophomore Shane Malcolm scored the game-winning goal in double overtime to give the Panthers the victory and the Big South Conference title. Coastal Carolina, entered the game with a 6-1 record in the Big South, while High Point entered with an undefeated 6-0 in the Big South Conference. Malcolm, who has netted six goals alone this season, scored the game winner in the 106th minute, assisted by Shawn Sloan. Immediately following the goal the team ran and dog piled on Malcolm in the corner of the field to celebrate the team's first ever Big South tournament victory.

"Amazement," said head coach Dustin Fonder after the victory, "it was a great play with a quick combination between Sloan and Malcolm, before I could even look out of the corner of my eye the whole team had rushed down to the corner flag and jumped on top of each other, it really was a special moment."

The Panthers played with heavy hearts after deciding to dedicate the game to their teammate, redshirt sophomore forward Dean Judson, who suffered the loss of both his parents, Jim and Beth Judson died in a plane crash.

"It was extremely tough, very shocking, but I thought the guys did a great job paying a tribute to their fellow teammate, and dedicating the victory and championship to him," said Coach Fonder.

Sophomore forward Fejiro Okiomah scored the other goal in the contest for the Panthers, his ninth goal of the season. Scott Rojo assisted Okiomah for his 13th assist of the season. He leads the team in that category. Junior goalkeeper Michael Chesler recorded only one save but managed to keep the team in contention in winning the game.

"We were all pretty psyched after the game but we have mellowed out now because we know we still have business to take care of," said Chesler. He has been the Panthers brick wall making a total of 49 saves this season and recording seven shut-outs. The Panthers, who were ranked as high as 37 in the NCAA RPI rankings, improved to a 12-3-1 overall record before entering their final home game against Virginia-Military Institute.

"At the beginning of the season, you set goals and usually set the bar pretty high, and to be so close to achieving all of them, we feel really good and we just want to take the final step in getting the tournament championship, and our first ever NCAA tournament bid," said Fonder.

Just three days later, the Panthers defeated VMI in a 2-0 victory to improve their home record to 8-0-1 and their overall record to 13-3-1. It is the first time in High Point University Men's soccer history that the team has gone undefeated in the conference finishing 8-0.

The Panthers will end the regular season in Farmville, Va. to take on Longwood University on Nov. 6.
Birthday cards give us bang for our buck

By Amanda Mayes

The damage has already been done. There is no easy fix for this problem. This time you really cannot go back. Would you want to redo more than 15 years of schooling? As I wade through my third year of college, I wonder just how much my education has wrecked my mind rather than strengthened it. The days are dwindling until I complete my undergraduate degree.

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Look deeper: Life is more than grades and report cards

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Staff Writer

Ashley Golden, a junior at High Point University, is familiar with being a minority on campus. She was married May 9, 2010 to her husband John Golden, age 22, and has become part of a small subculture here at HPU.

Although people have not discriminated against her, Ashley has been asked a lot of questions. “They ask, ‘You’re how old?’ or ‘Didn’t you want to let yourself grow up first?’” said Ashley as her deep passion about this subject flickers in her eye. After all, she may be married, like other couples across campus, but they are still college students like everyone else.

Ashley and Jessie are part of the seven percent of married college students nationwide, according to the Journal of College Student Development (2003). This minority is just like other college students except they have more responsibility.

Jessie Meriwether, age 20, another married student at HPU, finds herself being asked the same questions. “A lot of people don’t know what to think and some students think I’m a bad influence. Administrators is not a big fan of marriage here either,” explained Jessie with a little bit of frustration.

While marriage does not change the person you are, it does change your lifestyle. There’s no more fraternity party visits, meal plans, or dorm room visiting. Married students are not allowed to live on campus or take their computer to the IT department. The responsibility is completely on the couple, no more safety net.

“It’s not easy at all. It’s hard to balance everything, but it’s worth it. Our lifestyle is very different from what it might have been, but I wouldn’t have it any other way,” Ashley said.

Both Ashley and Jessie are juggling being full time students and having the responsibilities of paying bills, buying groceries, fixing meals and making their marriage work.

While both are proud to be married, sometimes it is not the first thing that comes out when they meet people. Meriwether said, “It isn’t the first thing I tell someone because I don’t want them to think of me as older. Ten or even 20; I’m still a college student. I’m still like everyone else.”

Jessie hangs out in the library until early morning hours, in dorm rooms with her friends, or part of Campus Crusade. The book club, and attends events for IDS. She also said, “We have guy and girl time with our friends. I have school activities, I am not a housewife.”

Although these young couples lead college lives, people question if they truly know and have lived their lives yet. For Ashley, the decision was not hard to make, “I’ve always been on my own timetable. If something seems right to me, I will do it even when other people don’t approve.”

Jessie takes the same approach. “I’m married to my best friend. He comes first, but I also live my life. Being married doesn’t change you as a person; it doesn’t change who you are.”

Falling in love is, most of the time, not a choice and these young newlyweds have the same aspirations as everyone else. Jessie goes on to say, “There is nothing wrong with getting married young. It’s totally fine being an independent person.”

So, who knows, your true love may be right around the corner and you may be next.

Tired of school? Going global day may give you a new perspective

By Sam Kates  
Staff Writer

“Wake up! You’re going to be late for school and, remember, you have a big test today!” yells Mom from down the hall.

For the average American teen, school is the least of his or her concerns. But Dave Matthews puts it in perspective when he reminded us, “If you think about it, it is, if you think about it, one kid walks ten miles to school, another’s dropping out.”

We take for granted opportunities that are not offered in numerous other parts of the world. Opportunities, such as going to school, that many women, and some men, may never receive. That is why HPU’s own Women and Culture-Studies class has decided to hold Going Global Day.

This event has been organized to present information about the world and their roles in different societies. Information will also be presented about what women are doing to make a difference.

In addition to the Women and Culture class, other organizations will also set up tables at the event dealing with women’s global issues. Kappa Delta Sorority and Alpha Gamma Delta sorority will be proud participants in Going Global Day and will be hosting “Beads for Life” bracelet making. Money raised at this table will be donated to the “Beads for Life” organization.

Going Global Day will be held Nov. 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the UC Philanthropy tables.

Students and administrators work together for a better HPU

By Relsey Paine  
Staff Writer

The Community Living Task Force met for the second time Wednesday, Oct. 13, in the Great Room of Slane University Center. The new organization was established to create an ideal and vibrant community for all students.

“The goal of student life is to create a safe, nurturing, caring community for all students,” said Gail Tuttle, vice president for student affairs and chair of the Community Living Task Force.

“The task force expands on this goal by discussing issues and ways to improve student life.”

The committee meets as needed and is composed of administrators and students from various groups, such as Dr. Dennis Carroll, provost/vice president for academic affairs; Sarah Haak, senior director of student life; Meredith McCrea, Greek life coordinator; Chris Dudley, vice president for administration; Jeff Karpovich, chief director of security and transportation; Bradley Taylor, president of inter-residence council; Eric Skinkle, president of student government association; various assistant resident directors; members of the panhellenic council and intramural council.

The Community Living Task Force was established to open communication between students and administration as well as to create compromises between various groups on campus.

“Every dorm is its own community within campus, and everyone in those communities is different,” said Tuttle. “By discussing the students’ concerns, we can meet and balance the needs of all community members.”

Issues discussed at the first meeting include the possible elimination of visitation hours in upperclassmen dorms, the lack of facilities for larger campus groups to meet, and the consumption of underage alcohol. Students praised the safety of the campus and the administration asked for more student input in the future.

Before the second meeting, the administration asked the student members of the committee to ask fellow classmates about the issues brought up at the first meeting as well as possible solutions. One common proposed solution was for students to become more involved on campus.

“It’s very important to build student interest in hall programs because they are a meeting of a student’s individual community within campus,” said Taylor. “Only then can they become interested in campus-wide activities and give their input to the betterment of community living at HPU.”

Students and administrators involved agreed the task force was important for a better living community, but student involvement will help determine success. The administration is very interested in any student input or suggestions.

Taylor also commented: “It’s phenomenal to get a group of student leaders together with staff and administration to collaborate about ways to create a united and improved community on campus.”

Students are doing to make a difference in society and how they are making an impact.

“We’re excited to host such an event with such an important message,” said Megan Plasket.

“Our class studies have taught us of domestic issues and we’ve thoroughly enjoyed broadening our horizons overseas.

The event will represent both the challenges and benefits women face in their societal roles. Going Global Day will be set up so participants can simply walk from station to station, gathering information.
Man vs. Zombie(s): Round 2

By Trenton Schneider
Staff Writer

Do you love killing zombies? Do you love combining random objects in order to wreak havoc on the undead? Then Dead Rising 2 is the game for you.

Dead Rising 2 continues the story from Dead Rising. There is a zombie outbreak and you need to survive until help comes. This may sound a bit uninspired, but that doesn't make the game any less fun.

One of the big new features in the game is the item combination system. Many find it fun to use random objects they find to take out some zombies, like a bench, as they could in the original Dead Rising. It's even more fun to grab random objects and make them into even better weapons to kill zombies. For instance, you can take a water gun and a gas canister to create a flamethrower and destroy any zombie that makes the mistake of coming near you.

Another new feature of the game is the multi-player mode. The multi-player mode places players on a game show called "Terror is Reality." This game show puts contestants in different types of mini-games that allow them to earn money and points that can carry over into the single-player game. It isn't as fun as the single-player mode, but it is an interesting break from the main game.

Along with the addition of the multiplayer mode is the addition of a co-op mode. This lets a second person join in a player's main storyline game.

It is an interesting concept that works pretty well. It is fun to slay zombies, but it can be more fun to slay zombies with a friend. The only downside to the co-op mode is that both players play as the main character. This can hinder the illusion of playing within the game world, since the only thing that differentiates players is the color of their clothing.

The single-player mode only allows the gamer to play in a timed game instead of giving the option of allowing timed or unlimited story mode. Since it is a survival game it is understandable that the game is timed with the story mode, saying that the player will be rescued in three days. But it was always a nice option to allow the player to replay the story without having to worry about how much time was left.

On the other hand, the fact that there is a constant time limit in everything that takes place adds an interesting sense of urgency to all of the things that you do. If players were allowed to take their time to travel halfway across the map to do something, the way they played would be a bit different as opposed to only having five minutes to complete a task. The game suddenly gains a whole new meaning.

Overall, Dead Rising 2 is just as fun as the first Dead Rising game. It does have a few flaws, but it doesn't really detract from the overall experience.

Lace: how to wear and care for it

By Rebecca Simkins
Staff Writer

A trend that has come from the season of late summer 2010 into the autumn is lace. This trend is similar to the sheer look that has become popular and has implemented itself as an independent ongoing style.

When lace first became more popular, I thought I would never wear it because it reminded me of a grandmother, but now that I have tried it on and know how to wear it, lace is considered classy in my book.

It is nothing new for the fall but you can change how you wear it and set your self apart from others so when all the others see you wearing it, they will want to join your league.

There are many different kinds of lace and ways to produce it. In the summer, it was all about the stretch-all-over-your-body lace.

Now for the fall, antique-style is in. These fabrics resemble a more traditional look. It has a wider net and more unique pattern with thicker threads.

Now that lace is all over the stores, how exactly should you wear it? Ultimately, you want to look sophisticated and not over suggestive. Lace can look beautiful but you don't want to look like a decoration. Less is more when you're wearing lace.

If you feel like just a lace pattern on your sleeve or quilted isn't enough—go bold! Try a full lace dress on for size. A plain black dress can go from modern to trendy when lace is added. Avoid wearing clunky jewelry. Something like stud earrings or bangle bracelets can add a simple flare as compared to looking like a disco ball of lace and jewels.

Whether its fine lace or a larger pattern on a solid shirt you never want to look like a tablecloth. While lace trim is a big no-no unless you're shopping for your 5-year-old sister.

Lace is sophisticated and fun at the same time. Next time you're out shopping try it on and see where it takes you. Lace is in, now so are you.

Halloween stirs students' creativity

Clockwise from top left: Rebecca Cristel and Trent Carter (as the villain from Saw), Kristen Whitaker (as Little Red Riding Hood) and Ashley Johnson (as a devil), Virgina Dannelly (as a Starbucks cup), and Melanie Juerbach, Alex Hutcherson, Emma Ball, Madison Ries, Alicia Pike and Hannah Midgett (as tetris blocks, left to right).

Photos by Jeremy Hopkins
Don't fret fans; new Harry Potter will be a hit

By Meredith Beck
Staff Writer

Harry Potter fanatics rejoice—the first part of the seventh installment of a worldwide phenomenon is here. That's right, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part One" is going to be making its debut on Nov. 18 at midnight. But the question must be asked: will the movie flop and end up disappointing millions of people? We all remember nine years ago when Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone broke out into the theaters. I can recall seeing hundreds of people flock to the movie theater dressed up as Harry Potter, Hermione Granger and Ron Weasley. The movie was a huge success and an instant favorite with fans of the book. We watched the young Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint become household names in less than 24 hours. The first movie was 152 minutes of pure excitement and suspense.

The next eight years would lead us into more Harry Potter mania. We saw Potter find the Chamber of Secrets, fight off Lord Voldemort numerous times, and at times, searching desperately for the same things we expect to see every day, when Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone hit the theaters.

But the question must be asked: will "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part One" be a hit? That's the first part of the seventh installment of a worldwide phenomenon is here. That's what fans can expect from the seventh installment of the series. But will it be a hit or a flop? Fans must ask themselves, "Will we see the movie in the theater or will we stay home and watch it on DVD?"

"Our Town": a reminder to appreciate the little things

By Ben Hensley
Staff Writer

All of us walk through life seeing the same things we expect to see every day, and at times, searching desperately for comfortable patterns in our lives—the same to live, the happy marriage, the Friday night get together. But at the end of the day, do we truly realize all that we have? "Our Town," a play by Thornton Wilder set in the 1920s, asks that very question.

The play begins by creating the world of "Our Town." Each character and story involved conveys a message to the audience. Without being quint and academic, Wilder gives us truths without apology. It is these truths that Wilder writes into the story that Ed Simpson wants to capture for an audience.

"Thornton said, 'Life is a balance,'" explained Simpson, director of High Point University Theatre Department's upcoming production. "Everyone finds this play too sentimental, too boring, too quaint, it is stark. The best thing to do in order to make a play like this successful is to be honest," Simpson said.

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"People nowadays are saying 'It's my America' and it isn't! It's our America," Simpson said. "Wilder shows to us in "Our Town," a community of people that never had Facebook or cell phones—people who lived in such a close-knit community that they really didn't need it. Everyone knew everyone, and everyone helped everyone."

To illustrate this point, Simpson described the character of the choir director. "We live in a world today where everyone is quick to judge and condemn. What this community did—what they had to do—is the exact opposite.

"They reached out to help. The irony of this is that the choir director never noticed," Simpson noted. "That was the starkness and honesty of this play."

Reflecting on her past life, Emily came to realize all of the things she wrote off as insignificant were actually amazing. The choir director stayed in a state of oblivious. He remained a miserable man throughout the play who never noticed the outpouring of support from the people around him.

When we go through our lives, how much are we going to pass by without noticing? How much more enriching would our lives be if we took the time to be joyful for what we have? "Our Town" will be on stage at the Hayworth Fine Arts Center on Nov. 18-20 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 21 at 2:00 p.m. For tickets and information, please call 336-841-4673.

Gnarly November Concerts

LJV Coliseum
2825 University Parkway, Winston Salem
www.ljvm.com

-Ziggy's presents WIZ KHALIFA with Big Krit and DJ Bonics on Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Advanced tickets are $17; $22 day of the show.

-The Festival of Trees will take place Nov. 19-21. Tickets are $8.

-Alone. Nov. 19. Alan Jackson with guests Chris Young and The Band Perry will play at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Tickets range from $26.50 to $81.50.

Greene Street Club
113 N Greene St., Greensboro
www.greenestreetclub.com

-Nov. 12 brings Datsik. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets are $10 for advanced, $15 day of. A $2 surcharge for those under 21.

-Decoration Ghost with Hammer No More The Finger, Future Ghosts and many hit the stage Nov. 19. Doors open at 9. Tickets are $5 for those 21 and older and $7 for those younger.

-Five gallon groove features various jam and rock bands on Nov. 19. Doors open at 8 p.m. Advanced tickets are $7 and $10 day of. Again, $2 surcharge for those under 21.

-My Hero Is Me, a battle of the bands, takes place Nov. 20. The show starts at 6 p.m. and will conclude by 9 p.m. Tickets are $15 and $18 day of.

-Nov. 24, Zojo, the ultimate Led Zeppelin tribute band, will take the stage at 9:30. Tickets are $12 in advance or $15 day of.

-The Fillmore
1000 Seaboard St., Charlotte
www.livenation.com

-Shinedown hits the stage Nov. 9 in an Acoustic Tour at 8:30 p.m.

-Get the Led Out, "The American Led Zeppelin," performs Nov. 12 at 9 p.m.

-The Cult plays Nov. 13 at 9 p.m.

-Nov. 19 brings Gary Allan with Randy Houser and Jerrod Niemann at 7:30 p.m.

-Eden McCale Acoustic Trio takes the stage Nov. 26 at 8 p.m.

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Visit the website for information on ticket prices.

Greensboro Coliseum Complex
1921 W. Lee St., Greensboro
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HPU TV produces weekly sports show

By Sam Kates
Staff Writer

"Hey, I heard there was a men's soccer game this past weekend. I wonder if the Panthers dominated..." asks a curious student. Are you interested in finding the answer to this and many other High Point Sports related questions? You have to look no further than highpointpanthers.com.

HPU does not broadcast on the air, but the TV studio produces a sports show every week that can be accessed through the HPU sports website, or through the communication department website. Panther Sports is produced by the Sports Production II class. Meeting on Monday nights, the class gets down to business immediately to film the show then spends an adequate amount of time critiquing its work and assigning jobs for the next show. Different sports teams and clubs across campus are featured each week on Panther Sports. Scores and highlights of games from that week are given.

A crew attends and films all of the men’s basketball games, the women’s volleyball games, and occasionally films soccer games. Coverage of a recent soccer game was sent to the local news station, WCWG, and was broadcast.

The communication department is currently working on a news show to be broadcast beginning spring semester 2011. The show will be developed in a similar manner as the sports show. In addition, the communication department hopes to continue to produce a Variety Show, which was successful last year. Featuring musical guests and other talented artists across the campus, this show manages to highlight numerous students.

Shows produced by the communication department are recorded, for the most part, in the Nido Qubein Communication building. Clips used in videos have been filmed ahead of time across the campus. Anyone can get involved in the news shows by simply sending an e-mail to Dr. Jim Trammell at jtrammel@highpoint.edu.

New programs are constantly developing, according to Trammell, and students who want to further their skills in the communication field are welcome. "Working in a studio will set students apart when they go to apply for jobs in this department," said Trammell. "Experience in our station will attract attention."

IRC growth means better forum for students

By Elizabeth Ellis
Staff Writer

Students at High Point University now have access to their very own roundtable. Entirely student led, the Inter-Residence Council is High Point’s newest portal to residential contentment, as students are able to present ideas and concerns through the IRC to the administrative offices of the university.

The IRC has grown this year in both size and influence with 27 active members in leadership positions and a position in the Student Government Association and are seeking admission into two collegiate Hall Council Organizations – the National Association of College and University Residence Halls and the North Carolina Association of Residence Halls.

This year’s IRC is led by enthusiastic president Bradley Taylor, a sophomore who was involved with last year’s Hall Council. Taylor was offered the position as IRC President this year, and gladly accepted, seeing it as a great opportunity to promote and expand the program.

The IRC serves as a forum for the Hall Council, which is a group of students elected by the residents of their building that gathers ideas and suggestions from residents and implements building-wide programs and activities.

Each Hall Council has a president, vice president, and an IRC representative. In addition to attending the Hall Council meetings of their building, the IRC representative attends IRC meetings once per month.

Freshman IRC representative for the Complex Kellianne Davis says that getting involved with Hall Council has been a fun way to get involved on campus, meet new people, and build teamwork skills.

IRC representatives are responsible for reporting the progress of their Hall Councils to the IRC, as well as concerns, suggestions or ideas that residents have. The executive board of the IRC is then responsible for ensuring that the individual Hall Councils have access to the resources they need in order to host events, make their living spaces better, to promote events and to assist with finding solutions any problems.

Taylor processes information from the Hall Councils and the Community Living Task Force to present to the Office of Student Life and Student Government Association.

Some of the IRC-supported Hall Council programs that have been held already this year include a September 11 Remembrance Service by the Women’s Complex and a Haunted House planned and hosted by the Finch, Wilson, Millis Hall Council at this year’s Halloween fest.

Both Taylor and Davis encourage students to become involved with the IRC by providing suggestions, and to take advantage of the university-funded events held through Hall Council.

Additionally, students are encouraged to attend their residence hall’s Hall Council meetings to help collaborate on event planning and assist with carrying out the projects.

Taylor believes that since the IRC is so new and entirely student led, the opportunities are great and the success of the organization is reliant on student participation and leadership.

To become directly involved with the IRC, students can contact Taylor or the Office of Student Life.

A moment with the editors

What were you for halloween?
Favorite book?
What kind of car do you drive?

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Jane Erye
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Gods and Generals
A really cool one

Next meeting: Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

Bills passed:
- Pike’s Garnet and Gold Classic
- APO’s national conference
- Fall carnival and blood drive for the Volunteer Center

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Cross country has impressive showing at Big South

By Emma Nichols
Staff Writer

Going into the Big South Championship on Oct. 30, both the men and women of High Point University’s cross country teams had high hopes. “Our hopes for both the men and women teams were to win,” said HPU head coach Mike Esposito. “I thought the team competed really well and went after it. Obviously we’re disappointed with the place but I’m not disappointed with their effort.”

The women’s team was led by Senior Emily Webb (Gloucester, Va./Gloucester), who finished fifth with a personal record of 18:27.38. Webb started running cross country in the 8th grade, but has been competing since the elementary school.

“My mom got me started. She is a runner and a coach. She basically had to drag me out for two years. She coached mostly club in the summer and helped me with a lot of my summer training,” says Webb.

It’s a good thing her Mom stuck with it; after the Big South Championship, Webb earned All-Conference Honors for both the men and women of High Point University’s cross country teams had both the men and women of High Point having the no. 1 defense in the Big South standings.

It is exciting to come in fifth, compete for the Conference in cross country. It is exciting to come in fifth, but I don’t get any more chances to get anything better than that.”

The women’s team overall were very successful. “It was a really good effort from everyone. Top five went under nineteen (minutes),” I don’t know if that’s happened since I’ve been at HPU,” says Webb.

Overall, the team was disappointed in place. Their goal was to at least get second and placing fourth again was tough. “I think if you step back and look at the big picture, we performed well. We can’t be upset,” adds Webb. Although Webb’s final cross country season is coming to an end, she is staying focused. “It really hasn’t hit me yet, it won’t until about a week after the season is over. I still have two track seasons left but I’m more of a cross country runner, however he describes himself as more of a track runner. ‘I definitely like track a lot more than cross country, I worked hard at cross country to prepare for track. My main focus for the upcoming season is the Stanford Invitational in March. We travel across the country for the high level competition in the 18k,’ says Darmody.

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Men’s cross country team to a runner-up finish at the Big South Championship on Saturday. Darmody started running cross country in high school.

“Tired of high school I ran track, I tried out for the team and it turned out that I was somewhat good at it” says Darmody. Going into the Big South Championship, Darmody said “we had a good chance of winning. I knew it’d be hard. Coming to the finish line and seeing three Liberty guys in front of me was heartbreakind.”

Although the men came up short of their goal, the men competed well.

Sophomores Jacob Smith(Brockville, Ontario/Thousand Islands Secondary School) placed 12th in 25:30.04 and Dakota Peaches(Garner, N.C./West Johnston) took 13th in 25:44.63.

For the upcoming Regional meet this weekend, Darmody has high goals, saying, “I really want to stick with my original goal of top 25, and the big goal would be to make it to nationals.”

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Senior's set example for others in Big South race

By Steven Haller
Sports Editor

High Point women’s volleyball had a terrific October, accumulating a record of 7-2 and moving to second place in the Big South standings.

The Panthers’ head coach, Jason Oliver, said that he was relying on his senior players to be leaders on the team and set the example of very consistent play in order to get the team “on a roll” going into the upcoming Big South tournament, and that is exactly what he has been getting.

Seniors Megan Smith, Audie Gonzalez, Stephanie Wallin, and Julie Hershkowitz have all been playing consistently and they stack up pretty high against other Big South players when looking at the statistics as of Nov. 2.

Outside hitter Smith has remained one’s putting up big numbers for the Panthers. Freshman setter Maddie Simpson carried her 1.000 assist of the season in the team’s game versus Radford and took the conference lead in assists per set with an average of 10.41.

The Panthers will be back in the Millis Center this Saturday, Nov. 13 for Senior Day, where all of High Point’s senior players will be honored before the match, as they take on Coastal Carolina at 2:00pm.

Big South: Aces (total)
1. Audie Gonzalez High Point, senior Total: 39 avg./set: 0.38
2. Lillie Happel Liberty, freshman Total: 38 avg./set: 0.40
3. Kiley Kent Radford, senior Total: 38 avg./set: 0.40

Big South: Digs (avg.)
1. Julie Hershkowitz High Point, senior Total: 545 avg./set: 5.19
2. Kelly Haseman Liberty, junior Total: 514 avg./set: 5.04
3. Lindsay Gill Coastal Carolina, freshman Total: 451 avg./set: 4.38

Big South: Kills (total)
1. Amanda Hill Charleston Southern, senior Total: 476 avg./set: 4.67
2. Karyl Bacon Liberty, senior Total: 415 avg./set: 4.07
3. Megan Smith High Point, senior Total: 411 avg./set: 3.95

Big South: Assists (avg.)
1. Maddie Simpson High Point, freshman Total: 1031 avg./set: 10.41
2. Kilee Ruppe Presbyterian College, senior Total: 1039 avg./set: 10.29
3. Jade Croycraft Liberty, freshman Total: 1038 avg./set: 10.18
Women's soccer team earns share of Big South title

By Brian Brennan
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As expected, Big South Conference play brought a very nice turnaround for the Panthers women's soccer team. In their first three games of conference play the team had a record of 2-1, and the one loss was a close overtime loss.

On Oct. 2, the team began Big South play against Coastal Carolina after starting their season in non-conference play with a 2-8 record. High Point showed that it is one of the teams to beat in the Big South with an impressive 1-0 victory. Sophomore Jenny Butler scored the game winning goal in the 59th minute when she scored from 30 yards out.

"It feels great to have the game-winning goal tonight," Butler told highpointpanthers.com. "Coach told us at halftime to keep shooting from the outside so that is what I was looking to do. Obviously helping to win the first conference game feels unbelievable."

Goalkeeper Andrea Ritchie was the player of the game, however, stopping four shots including one with less than a minute to play.

Two days later, in Charleston, S.C., the team played impressively to defeat against Charleston Southern. In the first half they fell behind 2-0 but showed tremendous resiliency scoring two goals within 20 minutes of the second half. Both goals were scored by freshmen. In the 59th minute Sara Rager's cross found Brooke Lisson who headed it home. Six minutes later Kelli Joline scored an equalizer, becoming a Division I program. "It was amazing to record a hat trick during the game for its achievement," said Beall.

"In the first half they capitalized on a chance but this team once again showed their resilience and fought back in the second half," Beall said. "Kelli Joline had three great goals and she keeps getting better and better. I am very excited for her and hope that she can build confidence from this going forward."

In the Panthers final four games they needed three wins and help from other teams in the Big South to force a five way tie for the Big South regular season championship. Everything that had to go the Panthers way happened. It started with a 1-0 road win over VMI where Rager scored two goals and had two assists.

A 1-0 setback to Radford two days later did not change the fact that the Panthers had a chance at a co-regular season championship. Three days later on a wet field at Vert Track and Soccer Stadium the team won 3-1 over Presbyterian, aided by the goal of the season by Sara Rager, who took a corner kick and bent it in past the Blue Hose keeper by herself for an impressive goal.

Two nights later, fittingly on Senior Night, an overtime winner was tallied by one of the three members of the class of 2011, Ellie Johnston. With the winning goal Johnston cemented herself as one of High Point's all time greatest clutch players, as she had a winning goal in the Big South Tournament last season.

"She did it again," head coach Marty Beall said. "Just like she did in the Big South Tournament last year. It's just fitting that she got the winner on Senior Night and I'm so happy for her."

The next night while attending High Point's men's soccer team's senior night, the team found out that Radford had defeated Coastal Carolina, clinching a five-way tie for the Big South Conference title. The team was honored during the game for its achievement.