Walking into the Sechrest Art Gallery’s current exhibit, visitors come face to face with everything from a company who internationalized the Berlin wall, the official correspondence and signatures of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence. Heading deeper into the gallery, visitors come face to face with the signatures of all of the forty-four United States presidents, from George Washington to Barack Obama, along with pictures, hand written letters, and historic artifacts. Advancing up the stairs, one catches sight of a piece of the Berlin wall, the official National League Baseball, and two pistols Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr used in their notorious duel. The history of the last hundred years is all displayed right there, for the viewer to gaze upon.

The current exhibit is titled the Historic Memorabilia Exhibition: Office of the U.S. President, which is on loan until Oct. 13 from an anonymous father of a current HPU student. The collection consists of 65 pieces. “The owner purchased everything from a company who put it all together for him,” said Maxine Campbell, curator of the Sechrest Art Object. One of the more interesting artifacts in the collection is a single strand of Abraham Lincoln’s hair. It was removed from Lincoln’s willer wound after he was assassinated on April 14, 1865 by John Wilkes Booth. The exhibit also features a letter from Blaze Starr, a burlesque performer who claims in the letter that she had an affair with John F. Kennedy. The letter is written to a friend, and Starr writes about her encounter with Kennedy in the Lincoln bedroom of the White House and her vision of Lincoln’s ghost as she was leaving the room. “I learned a lot of new, interesting things in the exhibit,” said Freshman Meredith Wharton, who visited the gallery for a class. “It was cool to be able to take a glance back into history and learn more than just what you would learn in class about all of the individuals in those time periods.”

The exhibit is separated into two sections, with pieces upstairs and downstairs. “I organized the gallery so that the presidential signatures and exhibits are downstairs and the miscellaneous items and signatures including those of Clara Barton, Queen Isabella I of Spain, John Glenn, Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee, and Patrick Henry are upstairs,” said Campbell. The exhibit has been in display since Aug. 22.

The current exhibit in the Sechrest Art Gallery features 65 pieces related to the U.S. Presidency. Photo by Eleanor Christopher.

Photo by Allie Dearie.

WeCar program provides extra source of transportation to get off campus

By Chelsie Gastright
Staff Writer

High Point University has gradually moved toward being a small school with a big school atmosphere. Many large universities have already implemented a way for students without vehicles on campus to rent cars for weekend trips out town and now HPU students can do the same. The campus has recently joined Enterprise Rents’ WeCar program, and two new Toyotas Prius are available for rental.

WeCar is a car sharing program founded in 2007 that allows students who otherwise have no means of transportation to go on short weekend trips back home or to events outside of campus. According to Charles Jeffries, area sales manager for WeCar, since the WeCar program began in early September, nearly 40 students have signed up for a membership.

WeCar is affordable for college students because they are not only able to waive the application fee, but the cost of fuel is included in the rental price. There is an annual membership payment of $35 dollars, and to rent a Prius from WeCar costs $8/hour or $65/day. If you plan to take an overnight trip, the rate is $40/night. However, if you are under the age of 18, or not a member, renting a Prius will have to wait.

“I would have See WeCar,” Page 3

By Jodi Guglielmi
Staff Writer

Fire drills on a college campus are necessary and an important part of keeping students safe. But there’s one dorm on campus where fire alarms are going off more than usual, mostly due to students overcooking food, according to Campus Security.

According to data, within the first four weeks of the 2011-12 school year, the University Center-2 residence hall experienced a total of eight fire evacuations. An evacuation is classified as the setting off of the fire alarm that was not previously planned by the school or fire department. These evacuations have mostly been caused by students burning food or allowing steam to get too close to the smoke detector, says Jeff Karnovich, Director of Campus Transportation and Security.

The UC-2 has also experienced two planned fire drills. A fire drill is a planned setting off of the alarm in which the school notifies students ahead of time. The purpose of a drill is to make sure all equipment and evacuation procedures are working properly. Other residence halls such as the Village 1 and 2 have not experienced any fire evacuations, only planned fire drills.

Residents of the UC-2 acknowledge there have been a high number of fire evacuations. “There are so many great aspects of the UC-2, but the fire evacuations are absolutely dreadful; it actually made me reconsider where I live,” says Jake Blackwell, a freshman living in UC-2. “I don’t understand why our sensors seem to be so much more sensitive than the other buildings.”

While other buildings have experienced a fire evacuation or two, none have experienced as many as the UC-2. According to campus security, Blessing Residence Hall experienced a total of eight fire evacuations on April 14, 1865 by John Wilkes Booth.

“I was angry that I got woken up in the middle of the night on a school night, but I was also thankful that this was our first, and only, accidental fire drill,” said freshman and Blessing resident Gallagher Foworthy.

The UC-2 evacuations are a known problem to others who have lived there in the past. Austin Barrow, a junior at High Point, reflected on his time in the UC-2 as a freshman saying, “I laughed when I heard about all the fire evacuations at the UC-2 this year, I went through the same problem when I was a freshman. I don’t know why there are such a problem...”

He even noted that as a sophomore living in UC-1, there were not nearly as many fire drills. The only thing separating the two buildings is a small courtyard, so one begins to wonder why exactly what makes the UC-2 so evacuation-prone.

Karnovich told the Campus Chronicle that burning food or steam has caused most of the fire evacuations. He also noted that sensitivity could be a problem because the University Center was built 2 years ago, the smoke detectors in the building are different from residence halls built in previous years. But he says something is being done.

“We are exploring the option of having new smoke heads installed in all the residence halls, and we would hopefully help contribute to fixing the fire alarm related problems,” said Karnovich.

Even though the alarms have seemed like an inconvenience at times, it is important that students take every drill or evacuation seriously, assuming it might be an actual fire. Students need to take the proper precautions and follow the procedures of evacuating the building immediately and waiting outside until an administrator or resident assistant says it’s OK to go back inside the building. As they say, “a fire is a real fire,” and students should take these alarms seriously.

By Eleanor Christopher
Staff Writer

Honest Abe’s hair, and other U.S. Presidency relics on display

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Cell phones. Laptops. iPods. Social media. Every moment of our day is consumed by technology. It organizes our lives; it creates chaos. And it has become the driving force for most aspects of our lives, from politics to the economy to our increasingly impersonal social interactions.

Ultimately, technology is a powerful tool that can create and destroy. And someone thought it was a great idea to give us access to something so important. As of late we have not been wielding this power in the most responsible way. I have frequently heard it said that we are the technology generation. Our parents beg for lessons on how to open the Internet browser or change fonts in Microsoft Word. With unwavering connections to Facebook and Twitter, we permeate so many aspects of our lives. Monumental task. This change and the necessity of adapting to be seen whether or not our hands are qualified for this responsibility while claiming to be rehearsing multitasking skills. The numerous Facebook status updates about the revolution of phones or laptops, avoiding actual communication and responsibility while claiming to be constantly-up-to-date. Academics struggle with the appropriate use of technology, whether or not it can reorient the way we think or simply reinforce incorrect or biased views. We must adjust to constant upgrades and changes or risk being left behind. We claim to be adept at change, comfortable with alteration...

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By Amanda Mayes
Staff Writer

Opinion

Are people relying too much on technology?

Think about it. Think at all of the media outlets at your disposal thanks to technology innovations. Think about how much breath and anger and frustration was wasted on complaining about Facebook — something utterly out of our control and utterly unimportant in the grand scheme of things.

Consider the number of issues that you could have used your voice for: The unemployment rate in the United States remains at 9.1 percent, no matter how the government pokes and prods the economy. Good luck getting a summer job or a career after graduation if this nonsensce continues. Palestine recently made a bid at the United Nations for recognition as an independent state. The price of college continues to skyrocket while the quality of education diminishes. Several countries in the Middle East continue their bloody push for democratic governments. Troy Davis was executed in Georgia despite the haze of uncertainty hanging over his supposed guilt.

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Secondhand News:
Think Positive

By Jordan Oliver
Opinion Editor

Your thoughts become your actions, and your actions affect who you become. There is only one right way to think and it’s positive!

One of the best things you can do for yourself is to keep a positive mindset. By doing this alone, you create your own happiness. Not only will you find that you are happy, but that others are happy to be around you.

Envision your own success, for that is the foundation to your becoming successful. Your mind is one of the most powerful and mysterious parts of your very being—take advantage of it!

You have been given the gift of thought, and with that, the power to think yourself to greatness.

By Jordan Oliver
Opinion Editor

What did you think of your ropes course experience?

By Chelsie Gastright
Staff Writer

“It is a wonderful experience when you complete the course and fly down the zip line at the end!”
— Virginia Dannelly, Junior

“High Point’s new ropes course is by far the best one I have been on!”
— Andrew Suriano, Freshman

“It’s a real test of team work”
— Jodi Wilson, Sophomore

“By the end I was relieved and excited to get down the zip line. It was a lot of fun and I would definitely do it again soon.”
— Matt Miller, Freshman

“I would love to go back and I highly encourage all students to try it out at least once.”
— Leslie Tousasi, Senior

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How long have you been at HPU? I've been at HPU since 1998, so this is my 24th year. I came here as dean of the school of education. I became Provost in 2000 when President Qubein arrived. You've been with HPU for 20+ years so you can provide a unique perspective of HPU from past to present. Do you paint that picture of transformation to us, the current students?

Well, actually, High Point University has always been a very fine institution, and we've always traversed teaching, and looked at things at a very significant part of what we do. Obviously, it's better and better than ever now. We've done a lot, always done. Absolutely they're bright, they're energetic, they're mindful of community need, they're kind, they're ambitious. Of course the numbers are higher, we have more students and the faculty has more than doubled, so we've always done, we still do well. But we have greater resources. We have better students. We have better facilities that we have ever had before.

Why do you think students are flocking to HPU?

Because the campus atmosphere is very positive, there is a "can-do" attitude everywhere on campus. It's a friendly campus, we have abundant activities, and we also have engaging, challenging academic programs that are enticing students to come here.

Where is HPU heading academically? Toward a doctoral level. We are poised to become a doctoral granting institution in the fall of 2012. We intend to start our first doctoral program in education, in the fall of 2012. In the fall of 2014, we'll open our programs in physical therapy and pharmacy, both of which are doctoral programs. Along with the doctoral granting institution, we'll have more research conducted at the university, particularly in the health sciences and pharmacy, as well as in education.

What were the criteria for creating the new school of health sciences? What health sciences? President Qubein and I talked about this for a long time. Clearly if you look at careers of the future, health careers is a hot area. Part of the reason is age and population. folks are simply living longer now, so there is greater need for health care. So that was a direction in which we decided to go. Also, this university historically, other than our pre-professional programs and athletic training, had not had any type of health sciences program. So it was a new arena for us to build upon our strengths in our undegraduate biology, chemistry, biochemistry and exercise science programs. It was a natural area for us to grow. We also saw that health sciences was a natural extension of our affiliation with the United Methodist Church, which is all about social principles, fairness and taking care of other people. It was a logical place for HPU.

The School of Education was promoted, which is important. We are building a new building several years ago. Why did we take so long for the School of Education to actually start building, when you had the land and the funds? First of all, we really had to decide how big we wanted to make it, and we had to become committed to the fact that we wanted the doctoral program. So, I'm glad we waited until the way it will be built now, it will have the room to house that doctoral program. It was really a matter of economics and waiting to see what kind of need we had there. It was good that we waited until we had curriculum direction and that we know now that we're doing the doctoral program.

What other degrees may come to HPU and how will they be down the road? I think, we may add some additional health science careers. We have looked at nursing. We have looked at occupational therapy. We have looked at physical therapy. We have looked at some joint programs with the school of business and the school of health science, MBA's in health information management. For example. We may look at another professional school at some time, but we're not certain right now.

Students and the public hear a lot about the building projects around campus that are not tied to academics, such as Greek Village, the Townhomes, the basketball arena, new sports teams, etc. How do you plan to ensure educational features when it puts much of its financial resources into buildings instead of academics?

The School of Communication, the School of Business, the School of Commerce, the School of Business is all about academic buildings, and certainly the School of Education is an academic building, so we have had academic construction and renovation of current academic buildings, but the School of Business points that we acknowledge that our school does not have to fit in the traditional model in order to function effectively in the classroom. We're all in this together, so we see the need for our campus and recreation facilities that supplement what goes on in the academic buildings. The largest percentage of the budget of the school is academic programs. Approximately 70 percent of the budget is on academic programs. Also, the Oak Hollow Mall property for academics? If so, what then?

The administration of the university hasn't decided that yet. Stores are still under lease there it is still operating as a retail center. We haven't made any decisions about the use of Oak Hollow Mall.

In the summer, when the School of Education moves out of Roberts Hall, what are the plans for that space?

We're not sure yet. We may have to relocate some academic departments of some institution there until our new health science building is ready. It was a logical place for HPU, we moved the School of Education out of Roberts Hall (which is all about social principles, fairness and taking care of other people) and we have had academic building, so we have had academic construction and renovation of current academic buildings, but the School of Business points that we acknowledge that our school does not have to fit in the traditional model in order to function effectively in the classroom.

This or That with Dr. Carroll

Text or call
Birthday or Christmas
Cookie dough or brownie batter
Sunrise or sunset
Green apple or apple juice
Do you believe in silence?

From WeCar, Page 1 liked to try the Prius, but since I am not 18 yet, I cannot," said freshmen Michael Messer, "even though I have a license.

Some of the praise is coming from students who have not even used the cars yet, but just the ease of setting up the membership, the convenience of the WeCar system, the helpfulness of the workers at WeCar have impressed them.

I haven't actually used one of the cars yet, but I contacted Enterprise a few days before it was announced to the school and they started the process (of buying a membership) up very quickly for me," said students to this new program, "like how we don't have to pay for gas and our startup fee is waived. The reservation system is extremely easy as well.

The reservation system is done completely online. Students go to wecar.com/ highpoint and click on the purple "Join Now" button. Information that is required for joining includes personal information, emergency contact information, driver's license information and payment information. Finally, the student agrees to the terms and user agreement policies, and then the application process is complete.

There are penalties for students who reserve a WeCar but then do not pick it up. The student, or responsible party, is required to still pay for the time of use even if the car is not actually used.

Jeffries is available to answer any questions that students may have about renting a car. On Wednesdays between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., next to the Slane Conference room.

I'm an organ donor in Virginia, so I would definitely do it here as well... If I no longer needed my organs, I would love to be able to give the gift of life. If it wasn't for my friend Heather's organs, five other people wouldn't be here today."
Costume Crisis? The Dos and Don’ts for Halloween 2011

By Molly Tavoletti
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Neighborhoods gets released: ‘Blink’ is back!

By Bronco Dakota
Staff Writer

In the midst of regrouping after a four-year-long break and headlining a tour, Blink-182 is once again taking the charts with the release of their latest album, Neighborhoods. Still, getting to albums number six, wasn’t an easy road.

The saga began in the early 2000s when vocalist and guitarist, Tom DeLonge, had a vision of creating a band and making it big. When DeLonge met with Mark Hoppus, who played bass and sang, he realized they had the same vision. Drummer, Scott Raynor, was added shortly after. In 1994, the band released their first studio album, Ch确保e-Che. Even though it was wildly inappropriate, it took off in San Diego. Over the past two decades, these bands have their wild stage antics and sick humor. They often changed up their song lyrics to start Angels and Airwaves, a great flop, which was asked to leave mid-tour. They started to grow. They were known for their mellow sound, but never gained any commercial success. Their new sound with Mark Hoppus, and Travis Barker started. They had their first studio album, in 2000, they released "What's My Age Again?" express a darker side of Blink-182, and how they got to where they are now. They then released "Blink-182" which was full of teen angst, and was a huge hit with their fans. It was full of teenage angst, dr 4 u n k e and falling in love.

In 2003, the band released their self-titled album. This album showed a more serious side of the band, maturing as artists. They experimented with different sounds, but never gained any commercial success. Critics reviewed the album’s new sound with praise. But then, the band started struggling to get along. They had their own ideas, priorities and families. DeLonge ultimately left the band, and they went on an indefinite hiatus. During this period, the members took all time for themselves. DeLonge battled a painkiller addiction, which drove him to start Angels and Airwaves, a great electronic band that sings songs about love and human compassion. Hoppus and Barker started +44 which had a fun and mellow sound, but never gained any commercial success. But when Barker was almost killed in a plane crash, the band decided they were here for a reason. After his recovery in 2005, Blink-182 was determined to heal their strained relationship. They toured that summer, selling out stadiums and bringing together old and new fans of all ages. And after two years of touring and recording, Blink-182 released their sixth album, Neighborhoods, on September 27, 2011.

Neighborhoods explored much more mature side to Blink-182 that had never been seen before. This album has a dark and gritty sound, with wailing lyrics. It is a clear collaboration of the trio’s other musical endeavors, drawing inspiration from what it is like to be alone or confused, and exploring the ideas of death and depression. The first single “Up All Night” became a huge hit, showcasing a new electronic sound and powerful guitar riffs, allowing the band to express their internal struggles and demons. “After Midnight,” the second single, expresses a feeling of isolation and struggle, with a simple catchy melody. Other songs such as “Kaleidoscope” and “Ghost on the Dance Floor,” express a darker side of Blink-182, and how they got to where they are now. The New York Times recently stated that “no punk band of the 1990s has been more influential than Blink-182.” It has even been said by others, that if it wasn’t for them, there would be no rock bands like Fall Out Bound, or bands like the Boys Like Girls or The Maine.

Over the past two decades, these bands have somehow made it at all work, continually growing with their audiences. It’s been a long road, and many bands fail at transitioning to the next stage of their music, but Neighbor-

Monthly extraordinary leader award: September - Steven Haller

By Pam Haynes
Campus Chronicle Adviser

A new way that High Point University is recognizing the hard work and dedication of its students this year is by presenting a monthly Extraordinary Leader Award. The Campus Chronicle is proud to report that Steven Haller, editor in chief of this student newspaper, is the first recipient of this award, which was presented to him in September. Haller is a humble leader who asked this not by published in the Campus Chronicle but his position with this paper. But, as his advisor, I insisted that acknowledgement of this award was necessary and set down at the keyboard my self-definition.

First, it’s important to understand how the Extraordinary Leader Award works. According to Vail Tatterson, vice president of Student Life, the entire HPU community—students, faculty and staff—make nominations each month. The nominees are asked to complete an online survey that asks questions such as, “How have you impacted High Point University?” A committee made up of top HPU administrators reads each individual’s answers and selects the individual with the responses that best embody true leadership.

Steven Haller, a journalism major, is involved in numerous ways on campus. Not only is he one of the youngest editors in chief of the Campus Chronicle in the paper’s recent history, but he’s also a presidential scholar, president of HPU’s chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Honor, president of Campus Activities Team, and president of the HPU Student Sports Broadcasting club. He is a student sports broadcasting club. He is a student sports broadcasting club. He is a student sports broadcasting club. He is a student sports broadcasting club. He is a student sports broadcasting club. His answer to the question, “How would you define an ‘extraordinary education’?” sums it up: “Students can learn so much in the classroom, but they can learn even more if they also apply and dedicate themselves to responsibilities outside the classroom. Through my experiences with different organizations, I have been able to hone many other skills: I have learned how to work as a part of a team, how to motivate and lead multiple groups of people to accomplish multiple unified team goals. In short, an extraordinary education means to not only survive college, but to thrive at college as well.”

The Campus Chronicle will continue to spotlight Extraordinary Leaders each month.
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT SERIES

1 HPU Theatre-Crimes of the Heart
7:30pm (Oct. 1); 2:00pm (Oct. 2); 7:30pm (Oct. 6-8); 2:00pm (Oct. 9)
Empty Space Theater

7 HPU Lecture Series 1
Dr. Kimberly Reich “Elite Athletes: Born or Bred?”
9:00am - Phillips Hall

2 HPU Lecture Series 2
Dr. Amy MacArthur “The Trolley Problem”
4:30pm - Phillips Hall

3 Family Weekend Choral Concert
7:30pm - Hayworth Fine Arts Center

4 29 Instrumental Ensemble Fall Concert
7:30pm - Hayworth Fine Arts Center

5 10th Annual HPU Film Festival presented by CAT
Every Monday Night at 8:00pm in the Extraordinaire Cinema

6 SGA Event-Crimes of the Heart
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10 Columbus Day

11 Women’s vs. Liberty University 7PM
12 Men’s vs. Coastal Carolina University 7PM

13 SGA Meeting
Phillips Hall 120
7:00pm

14 Women’s vs. Campbell University 7pm
SAGA Meeting
Phillips Hall 120
3:30pm

15 vs. Winthrop 4PM

16 FACULTY LITERARY FILM SERIES
Located in the Extraordinaire Cinema

17 MONDAY MOVIE EXTRAORDINAIRE CINEMA
8PM

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Sports

Athletes choose HPU over other big name recruiters

By Henry Molski
Organizations Editor

When Willie Medina first visited High Point University, it was a freezing cold day in the middle of winter and he was nervous about his visit to a relatively unknown school.

However, Medina soon felt the warmth of not only the historic HPU campus, but from a unique baseball coaching staff as well. When Medina was asked how important the coaching staff was in making his decision on playing at HPU, he didn’t even hesitate.

“It was a very big reason I decided,” said Medina. “A major reason I am here is because of them. They are different than other school coaches by them being a friend to me.”

Additionally, HPU was competing against some pretty prestigious schools for Medina.

St. John’s University is a powerhouse in baseball. The St. John’s Red Storm boasts six College World Series appearances along with six Big East Championships. It would appear that HPU would have a hard time drawing any recruit to campus when a school such as St. John’s also recruited them, but Medina proved otherwise.

One might say that the decision junior transfer Willie Medina made to join HPU was one that spoke volumes for not only HPU baseball, but also for HPU athletics in general.

Medina isn’t an isolated incident in the athletic department either. In December 2010, The NCSA College Athletic Scholarship Blog wrote a full-length article on the recruitment of an Indiana-native, high school volleyball player named Caity Farus.

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However, Farus proved to be another case of a talented athlete turning down “A-list” schools to join HPU. Farus, now a freshman at HPU, said she was drawn to HPU by arbitrary things such as “the cool pre-game video” and the “beautiful campus,” but found what she was really looking for when you look closer at the school.

“As an athlete I already feel like I really fit into the school,” said Farus. “I’m a part of the program where everyone helps everyone out.”

As HPU continues to strengthen their younger classes through strong recruiting, their recent success can often be overlooked. The 2010-2011 seasons were a thing of beauty for High Point University athletics. The Atlantic Sun Conference championships were crowned all year long.

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Just as Medina and Farus had done in baseball and volleyball, respectively, freshman Jeff Lacoste did in track and field. Heavy-weight schools such as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Tennessee recruited Lacoste. These two schools represented big name conferences from the ACC and SEC, but Lacoste chose to come to HPU in the Big South.

“Coach Esposti, the campus, and the school in general all helped,” said Lacoste when asked what drove him to HPU. “I was excited with how the expansion was just the start of everything.”

Farus chose her school keeping in mind that if she were to suffer a career ending injury, she would still be happy. She chose the school with “marble floors” and “tours on golf carts” and “a place where everyone waves.

With success on the field and with comfort for the athletes off the field, HPU is changing the way recruits choose their school. Lacoste, for example, mentioned how the track and field team has a pasta party just to help with team bonding. Farus spoke of how head volleyball coach Jason Oliver decided to just sit down and talk with her for an hour on her visit.

HPU is scoring top-notch recruits with success on the field, a vision of a bright future, and, perhaps most importantly, a sense of family.

After all, when Medina was asked to tell the student body about something they would never know about the HPU athletics, he chose not to talk about the pristine locker rooms, state of the art training facilities, or the perks of getting to miss classes.

“It’s a family here,” said Medina. “A real family.”

Freshman Caity Farus chose to play volleyball at HPU over Purdue, Ohio State and Cincinnati. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.
Volleyball staying positive despite losses
By Brian Brennan  Staff Writer

It's been a bit of a struggle lately for the High Point University volleyball team as they have lost four games in a row and five of its last six. However, progress has definitely been made recently. HPU's one win in this stretch came against one of its toughest conference opponents in Charlotte University. The Panthers returned home after the Gamecock classic and hosted Richmond and bounced back to take down the Spiders 2-1. Three days later, they lost their conference opener to Liberty 2-1. While these losses are demoralizing, Coach Dustin Fonder found some positives out of the experiences.

Sophomore Alex Martinez leads the team this season in points. Photo by Jeremy Hopkins.

"We're not happy with the losing streaks we've had," said Fonder, "We're still trying to find the style of play that works for this team and can give us success." The close play against Kentucky and South Carolina gave confidence to the team and sophomore Alex Martinez, who still leads the team, now with 8 points on the season.

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Dillon brothers bringing loads of excitement to NASCAR world
By Patrick Budd  Sports Editor

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The Dillon brothers have brought me closer to stock-car racing and now my weekends consist of keeping up with yet another sport: I have become obsessed.

Tune into SPEED television network on a Friday or Saturday night and catch one of Austin or Ty's races. I promise you, you'll be glued to your TV pulling for the No. 41 of Ty, or the No. 3 of Austin, to win.

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