Malcolm Gladwell brings his intellect, advice, humor to campus

By Jay Rinaldi
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On Nov. 2, New York Times best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell spoke at High Point University to students and faculty and select members of the community in the Hayworth Fine Art Center at 8 p.m. Gladwell is the author of four books and has been a writer for The New Yorker magazine. During his time at HPU, he participated in a Q & A session with president Nido Qubein and spoke to trial-area young business leaders, as well as giving a speech and sitting down for an interview with the Campus Chronicle.

Gladwell asserted that “a common theme within all of his books is his belief in the importance of the environment in which we live, and its impact on the individual. This theme also carried over into his talks at HPU.

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As he started in a question and answer session with Qubein, a big reason why he considers himself successful today is because he capitalized on the opportunities that his environments presented to him. “When we are not in environments where we’re from,” Gladwell writes in Outliers, “The Story of Success.

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According to Outliers, people misunderstand success because they emphasize the individual and deemphasize the culture around them. In the book, Gladwell uses examples from The Beatles and Bill Gates to argue that a proponent’s achievement of success is not only attained because of who they are as individuals.

“We look at Bill Gates and think that he’s just this genius, and we fail to understand that he was incredibly lucky,” Gladwell has stated in numerous interviews on talk shows and news shows. However, Gladwell does not disprove the fact that it also takes the individual to have the drive and the passion to identify and exploit whatever vehicle it is that may possibly lead to their success. Bill Gates happened to go to a school that had time sharing computers, but not all of his classmates chose to wake up at two in the morning to use those computers. However, those opportunities still were available to him because of the environment he lived in.

When asked about what individuals should most take away from Outliers, Gladwell’s response followed his belief of the environment over the individual.

“One notion in you can’t completely control your success. Part of it is out of your control, and shouldn’t be used as an excuse, but it should give us a little more patience with those who aren’t successes and bow down a little less to those who are.”

Gladwell also incorporates this belief in The Tipping Point, which has been on the New York Times Bestseller list since it debuted in 2000.

“As human beings we are constructed from the outside in. That is to say, who we are on the inside is a function of what’s going on around us. The Tipping Point is about how the world around us affects which ideas spread,” said Gladwell.

Gladwell also spoke about his concern with the United States. He feels that the level of social mobility that a society has, which basically means the ability of individuals to move up to move down and in the economic class system, parallels with the level of prosperity a society experiences.

In effect, Gladwell is arguing, for a greater analysis of environment. As the advantages are in a society, so are the trendlines. Gladwell believes that when the advantages are in certain areas, so are the trendlines.

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Media Entertainment Fellows begin inaugural year with freshman class

By Whitney Yount
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Last March, along with their acceptance letters, 16 incoming freshmen received invitations to be members of the inaugural class of the Media Entertainment Fellowship Program (MEFP).

These students were selected based on the interviews that took place during the Presidential Scholarship weekends in February. This year, the students were selected based primarily on their interviews, high school transcripts and extracurricular activities. While there was no formal application process for the program this year, a site visit application and interview process will be put into place for the program beginning in 2012.

The Media Fellowship was created to give eight male and eight female communication majors experience in their field of choice.

The program includes students enrolled in all five communication tracks - Electronic Media, Game and Interactive Media Design, Journalism, Media and Popular Culture, and Strategic Communication. In addition to working together on projects and enrolling in the same classes, the Media Fellows live together. This year, the eight girls share a suite in Bell, and the eight boys share the suite next door to them. Since they live in close proximity, the students can work together as a group and are surrounded by an environment that supports their interests in media.

“I grew up together; brought us all closer together; the sixteen of us are like a family. By living together, we push each other to excel, while providing support at the same time,” said Christina Brunson, a freshman fellow.

Because the fellowship program is in its first year, many of the plans for the students are still in the first stages of development. While most of the trips, projects and internship opportunities for the Media Fellows are still in the first stages of development, the students are still in the first stages of development. While most of the trips, projects and internship opportunities for the Media Fellows are still in the first stages of development, the students are still in the first stages of development.

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Study abroad faculty-in-residence program to spend semester in Prague

By Erica Allaby
Staff Writer

Text semester, High Point University will offer the opportunity of a lifetime to its students. For the first time, HPU will be sending a group of approximately 10 students to the Prague Institute for a faculty-in-residence study abroad program.

Prague is the first location that students here can study abroad in Eastern Europe. Dr. Maria L. Winter, who will be leading the first Prague Institute faculty-in-residence semester abroad this Spring of 2012, "I've never been to a place in my life with more culture and livelihood than Prague.

The Prague Institute is located in a historical old monastery, in Old Town Square, a central location in the capital city of the Czech Republic.

"It is an extremely unique experience in one of the oldest cities in Europe," said Winter. "The Institute occupies three floors in a beautiful faculty just yards from Old Town Square."

According to the website for Experiential Learning, there are lecture rooms, study rooms, common areas for the students to hang out in, computer labs, kitchens for student use and office space for the staff and faculty. Students take a full load of 12-16 credit hours, or four to five courses, taught by the faculty member from High Point University and faculty from North Carolina State University.

What makes the faculty-in-residence program in Prague so special is that it is a High Point faculty member goes with the group of students and teaches a course. This is a key element when it comes to the safety and well being of the students.

"The [faculty] are there to mentor, teach and help the students throughout the trip," said Winter. "Often times, parents need to know that their child has a safety net while they are out of the country. The Prague Institute is there to guide and assist the students."

One of the most notable elements of the Prague semester is the trip. Students will be spending a semester abroad. This experience is due to the specific major's graduation requirements. It is crucial that students begin their trip planning from day one, in order to make the experience studying abroad is extremely possible for all High Point students.

"My goal is for students to start thinking and planning which semester and where they want to go abroad from the second they step foot on this campus as a freshman," said Winter.

Although the application deadline for students to apply to Prague is April 20, 2012, students still have until the spring 2012 semester has passed, the deadline to apply for the faculty-in-residence program to Prague is March 1, 2012. Students must be in junior standing and maintain a GPA of 3.0.

"The best suggestion I can make is for students to check out the information on the faculty-in-residence site," said Winter.

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The fire to learn has been burned out

By Amanda Mayes
Staff Writer

Your alarm clock is cursed every morning as it welcomes you to the daily routine; it never meant to do you harm. The hands on the clock hanging on the wall behind you seem to be super-glued— they never move. A mark of modern technology, PowerPoint slides flick by at lightning speed while your pen flies across the page— information possibly stuck in with this hurried fashion of instruction? The same people answer the professor's questions; the same opinions are consequently heard. An endless cycle of readings, tests, essays. A letter determines your academic worth, but does it accurately prove the quality of your mind?

What happened to the enthusiasm with which so many of us embraced every day of school? Perhaps it vanished with the years that found us hopping crayons and searching for the coolest backpack and lunch box. How many years have we spent in classrooms? We have devoted a good part of our lives to the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake and in preparation for our unique futures. Has it been worth it? Are there other ways, other methods that would better prepare us, that would broaden our minds and hearts? Only time will tell.

Time has rendered changes on the American education system. White boards have replaced the dusty atmosphere created by chalk boards. PowerPoint has taken the place of clear sheet papers on a muddled overhead projector. Websites and e-mail have increased speed of communication, but ultimately made it impersonal—a contradiction to the close-knit nature of a small private institution. But these changes all involve technology, rather than curiosity and the ways by which knowledge is imparted.

The education system in America is broken. Everyone and deep cuts exist, but it seems that too many are willing to use Band-Aids where stitches are needed.

Is owning a luxury car necessary for college students?

By Sarah Kee
Staff Writer

A highly structured environment stifles the mind and muddles creativity. The classroom becomes a cage, trapping students from the real world lacking the option of color. Some professors are killed into a sense of routine rather than innovation. The pace of change has slowed in an attempt to ensure that students of all academic achievement levels can only equal footing. This inevitably results in deja vu of cut-and-dried high school courses trapped in the ethos of "No pain, No gain." Archaic courses and information passed on from the proverbial yellowed notes result in lack of academic rigor. Regurgitation of theories and facts valued over original thought. Insistence on one emphasis and one career path within personal and mental growth, and dooms an individual's future in an increasingly globalized world that requires a diverse skill set. The most crippling aspect in the system involves a sense of entitlement. Many individuals feel that college is a right rather than a privilege earned, and colleges and universities often encourage this belief with a certain amount of coddling and handholding.

I would give anything to restore passion for knowledge. I want to see eager children running around in Target and Wal-Mart, searching for shiny new pencils and dreaming of entering a classroom to learn. I want to see my peers engaged in intellectual pursuits, hyperaware of the honor of attending a university to gain a valuable education in preparation for the future. I was made to believe that knowledge was my own fault because I was weighed down by perfectionism and unbridled curiosity. I do take responsibility, but I also pin the failings of the education system on Innovation cannot wait. America faces a very dim future if minds are not allowed to be bright.

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God: Key to confidence, key to happiness, key to fulfillment

By Jordan Oliver
Opinion Editor

A relationship with God is all you'll ever need. This is a bold statement, but one by which I am fully convinced. All of us— regardless of culture, gender, race, class and age— need a relationship with God. Not just because it’s popular. Not just because you feel a void in your life and in the lives of others, and when you sense that he is near, there’s no mistaking it. He will take care of you if you take care of your relationship with him. You have been blessed with the power to offer your worries and doubts to him, and the assurance that he will put them to rest. With God, you will be the happiest person you can be, and you will feel a certain life-long relief that his presence, alone, can only provide.

Your relationship with God is one of the most important aspects of your very being. When you trust in him, you come to realize that you have nothing to fear; He will always take care of you— He will always lead you in the right direction.

You may not know it at the time, but once you’re living correctly, you’ll realize that it was God who directed you to that point. Believing and trusting in God is the greatest thing you can do for yourself; for you are bringing fullness, as well as purpose, to your life.

With God, you have [someone] to live for—a lifestyle to aspire for. Living for God should be at the core of your lifestyle, for pleasing him should be your highest goal. You have the ability to change your life for him, your life has greater meaning, and your soul, an unattainable happiness. God has provided you with so much. (For starters you are at High Point University.) Whether you believe there is a heaven or are here to show him your thanks, than to live your life as he would want? With him on your side, you will feel the strength to conquer anything and the confidence to live openly and unafraid to be the person he made you to be.

It’s easy to create your own happiness, and it begins with developing a relationship with God. You’ll know that you’re never alone for he will never abandon you. He knows your purpose and will do whatever it takes to help you fulfill that purpose. Build, and continue to build a stronger faith, for you will soon come to realize that your life is not always in your control. With God on your side, you can learn to accept this life-long "sentence" and will have an easier time managing any surprises that are thrown your way.

If you live your life as you know God would want, you will be rewarded in all you do. Lean on Chris Williams, a Freshman from Maryland. "People are too quick to judge what kind of person is driving a nice middle-aged, well taken care of car. But I vividly remember how I was acting when I bought my car. It’s human nature to want others have and to be envious of those that have what we want. However, students owning luxury cars are wasting away hard earned money that they could be using for things such as college or their future. Instead, they are paying more for oil changes, gas and insurance just to fulfill instant gratification of a materialistic lifestyle."

But I can’t pick a car because of its status. If you cannot give insight as to what kind of car you drive, they won’t be driving it. Try working hard and earning your own money. When you’re middle-aged, you own your car. But I wouldn’t like what I look like when I’m driving my car.

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Getz meets birth mother for the first time in September

By Lewis Pifer
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The bond between a mother and her child is like no other. After more than 18 years of separation, this bond was reunited on November 9, 2011, when the birth mother, Rae Meland Bryant, and the birth father, Kathy and Gary Getz, met for the first time.

Getz was born to Kathy and Gary Getz. His mother, Kathy, was not able to attend, due to her new job at Loyola University in Chicago, IL. Bryant was with her mother. Both Getz and Bryant were initially nervous, but it turned into joy.

"The emotions. They are so many of them and they're so complicated [that] trying to put them into words," said Bryant.

"It was the hardest thing she ever done before or since then, but this was the universe coming around to her because of her 18th birthday," said Meland.

During the meeting, they started to learn about each other's lives. Getz learned that Bryant is now happily married to John Nelson. From page 1

Fellows have not been finalized, the dean of Communications, Dr. Wilfred Tremblay, stated, "We'll decide which organization is the best fit for each student," she added.

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The next summer, the students will also travel to Los Angeles and New York City to attend the Democratic National Convention and the Republican National Convention. After the next symposium, Dietrich contacted CSS to try and arrange a meeting with his birth mother. The adoption agency worked with both of them to find a suitable date. More than six months after his 18th birthday, they settled to meet on Sept. 20, 2011 in a CSS office in Winston-Salem, NC.

On the day of the meeting, Getz was with his father, Gary. His mother, Kathy, was not able to attend, due to her new job at Loyola University in Chicago, IL. Bryant was with her mother. Both Getz and Bryant were initially nervous, but it turned into joy.

For the safety of its own economy, the United States developed into a misperception of reality. It caused those that had to be false. That overconfidence developed into a misperception of reality. And because of this misperception, Bear Stearns was the first company to fall prey to what is now known as "the financial crisis."

In short, individuals who are in positions of power are vulnerable to overconfidence. Those who are in positions of great power and influence, they are more likely to be overconfident in their capabilities. Moreover, they generally hold positions of great power and influence.

"Incompetence annoys me. Overconfidence terrifies me," said Gladwell.

Part of the cause of the Financial Crisis of 2007-08, Gladwell argued, was that Wall Street bankers believed that their company was going to collapse. Gladwell says this disbelieve can be explained by individual advantages and disadvantages that have attributed to the survival or failure of the individual.

"It's very exciting for me that you are one small piece of a very large complicated picture and they need to understand the importance of humility," said Gladwell.

As a closing piece of advice for students, McGhee-Lazarou moved to North Carolina from Los Angeles specifically to join the faculty of High Point University. She has worked in the field of communication for most of her adult life and, most notably, was the vice president of Primetime Programming at CBS for 16 years. She has also held positions at Lifetime Television and GSN.

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"I'm very excited about how it builds over four years," said McGhee-Lazarou. As the students learn more in their classes, they will be able to do more for their organizations.

"It's more than just being nice," said McGhee-Lazarou, who described the organizations as learning labs. She hopes that while the students create advertisements and work with their organizations, they will recognize how crucial non-profit work is.

"It creates jobs, which is huge in this country," said McGhee-Lazarou. She hopes to help the fellows the skills which organization they each will work with based on their individual interests and skills.

"We'll decide which organization is the best fit for each student," she added.

In addition to each student who graduates, the students will each make a difference in the organizations they work with. They will each choose a place to intern between their junior and senior years under the guidance of McGhee-Lazarou. This opportunity will be used to gain real-world experience.

"The Media Entertainment Fellowship is not just about Hollywood," said McGhee-Lazarou. "It prepares the students for everything: any number of trucks, scholarship, entrepreneurship."

McGhee-Lazarou hopes that the students will participate in undergraduate research as well. To prepare for this, three of the Media Fellows are going to the State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium this year as observers. This is the first year that a Media Entertainment Fellow has attended, said McGhee-Lazarou. "It prepares the students for everything: any number of trucks, scholarship, entrepreneurship."

"They share a love for science fiction, TV shows like "Doctor Who," choruses, and they have similar personalities and a talent for singing. That entire family was proof of nature in the nature vs. nurture debate," said Getz describing his similarities with Bryant's family.

After the initial reunion at the CSS office, they drove to Bryant's alma mater, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Getz could not see any of his college experience with them. Following the tour, Bryant and Meland returned to Orlando, and Getz father Gary took him back to Chicago.

"It's fine for Dietz to visit Kar," said Kathy Getz. "It's good for both of them to have an ongoing relationship."

Bryant's husband, Rick, plans to welcome Getz into his home, and family, with open arms.

"I think that it will be good to know Dietz and hopefully become friends. Dietz ... always will be welcome in our home," said Rick Bryant. "I consider him a member of the family. I am hoping that he will be comfortable here and that he thinks of this as his second home."
There’s no place like High Point

By Kim Wilson
Staff Writer

Upon arriving at Heathrow Airport in London, England, it was obvious I wasn’t in High Point, N.C., anymore. The first indication was that I had just stepped foot into the busiest international airport in the world; and the second, I heard the expression, “cheers!” after just about everything. The airport had such a different atmosphere, and it finally hit me that I was in another country.

From the moment my flight took off, I became isolated from the United States—my cell phone company doesn’t extend overseas, and not having a “mobile,” as I’ve come to know it as, is definitely something I am not used to. However, adjusting to unfamiliar things was certainly an expected element of studying abroad.

Before exiting the airport, I collected my bags. The study abroad packet I was given from HPU suggested that I start packing two weeks before my departure. However, it should have mentioned that I would start weight lifting around the same time, because trying to handle two enormous suitcases was a challenge. I may not be able to attend the free HPU recreational classes this semester, but managing my luggage was a workout in and of itself.

To get anywhere off campus, I take the double decker bus (and I thought the HPU trolley was exciting). One thing is certain; the HPU trolley definitely rounds its corners more smoothly. It’s the little things like this that I never imagined would be so different. Although the English people may get mad at me for smashing into them because I’m walking through an exit, I still find it fun to learn new things and be forced to adapt to a new lifestyle.

When I get to Oxford Brookes, a man wearing an HPU T-shirt greeted me. This was finally something familiar—until I heard the British accent. His name is Peter Forsaith, the liaison with HPU, and he brought me to what was going to be my new home for the next three months.

The housing situation was not what I expected. I was placed in a flat consisting of 10 single bedrooms, mixed genders, three showers, three toilets and a small—(and I mean, ‘I’m taller than the fridge’ small)—kitchen. Without sounding too spoiled, I’m used to the University Center’s granite counter tops, double beds and arcade right downstairs.

This was one of those times where I wished I could call someone; my mom, my dad, a friend, anyone...but I couldn’t.

As culture shock set in, I tried my best to embrace it and look at everything with an upside. I was getting along with all of my flat-mates, and the living arrangement was turning out to be an interesting experience.

Oxford Brookes is located in what we would call a “college town,” and having more options than Liberty and Ham’s is easy to get used to. There are endless shops, cafes and sites to see in the city center. I continue to find myself there nearly every day. It’s overwhelming, but in a good way, because there are so many different things to do and see here.

I have already visited London and witnessed the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace—and of course, all of the other touristy attractions. It’s quite eye opening to experience the ceremonies of another country first hand and realize how different they really are.

I never imagined that England would be so different from the United States. After being exposed to all of the differences—their money, the side of the roads they drive on, their accents, their buildings and their food—this place has turned into something I cannot get enough of!

Sure, there’s no place like High Point, but I’ve just begun my adventures, and I cannot wait to enjoy my next three months living in England. Cheers!

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Winter 2011 Movies: Chelsie’s Picks

November

December
The Extraordinaire Cinema
November Showtimes

11/5 The Change Up
9 p.m. and 12 a.m.

11/7 Friends with Benefits
8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

11/11 Fright Night
9 p.m. and 12 a.m.

11/14 The Help
7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

11/18 30 Minutes or Less
5 p.m. and 10 p.m.

11/21 Final Destination 5
8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

11/25 One Day
8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Passport Partners: Restaurant Ratings

By Jodi Giuliani & Eleanor Christopher
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In the mood for some Mexican? Open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., this upbeat and friendly atmosphere makes your dining experience fun and enjoyable. Their menu is extensive and offers mouth-watering dishes such as tacos, burritos, and quesadillas. You're sure to find something that will tantalize your taste buds.

Moe's

Mad Greek Grill

This restaurant has a variety of authentic Greek dishes for decent prices. You could go there for a snack and order an appetizer or a side for less than five dollars. Their entrées are delicious and filling. You'll definitely want to come back for more.

Thai Herb

If you like spicy food, great service, and large portions, then this is your kind of restaurant! This could be the perfect solution if you're looking to try something different. The relaxed atmosphere and ambiance also makes it a great date spot! The prices aren't outrageous, and you're almost guaranteed to have left over food to take home for a midnight snack or lunch the next day.

Jean's

This includes any clothing that you've outgrown or that no longer fits you. They might be great for working in a yard or for someone who needs something to wear to a construction site. If you don't have enough to make a whole outfit, you can still donate them to charity.

The Everyday Fashionista: Closet Checklist

By Jordan Breetz
Staff Writer

If your wardrobe still contains Ed Hardy, velour jump suits or jeans that have a lace up crotch then listen up; it’s time to clear out your closet. Hopefully you just like to board clothes and these items have been hanging in your closet for years. If you actually still wear these things, we are going to need to have a chat.

Ed Hardy- is just wrong, he sold out around 2007, and it’s almost 2012. If a designer starts making washing bottles, pencils and stickers that are sold in vending machines, then please toss them aside – they’re not coming back. I’m not just calling out Ed Hardy either. This includes any ridiculous T-shirt; like the ones I say “I’m with stupid” or have animals with silly sayings. Just throw them away, please!

Frilly clothing- Shirts, purses, underwear, basically anything with fruit on it, especially cherries, are a NO (unless you are under the age of five). Extremely Distressed Denim- It’s okay for jeans to look worn, but they shouldn’t look like they have been through a shredder. If there are more holes than there are jeans, it’s probably time to throw these away – or use them as a rag.

Crocs- they might be great for working in a restaurant, but less try and keep them there. They are not in style anymore, and thank goodness for that! They weren’t the greatest idea in the first place. Von Potch Hats- Don’t you miss these babies? Well, you’re in luck! The once $80 hat can now be purchased for around eight dollars. (Talk about decreasing in value). Be reasonable, and try to find something that will make you feel confident.

With a variety of flavors and different levels of heat, these wings are No. 1! This sports themed restaurant offers other style of food as well. With various food teams’ banners hanging from the ceiling, and a big-screen TV in the middle of the room that plays any and all major sporting event, this is the place to go to watch the big game while eating great food.
Organizations

Students wear PJs to raise cancer awareness

By Chelesie Gastright
Staff Writer

"I've always kind of dreamed big. I have always thought that if you were going to do something you might as well give it 110 percent."

No one hopes to hear the words "you have cancer" come from a doctor. The fear, confusion, and grief of that diagnosis can be overwhelming for the patient, friends, and family. However, what if getting that news, instead of becoming wor- ried or grief stricken, sparked a yearning to prove the statistics wrong and help bring awareness to the issue? With a diagnosis of stage IV lung cancer and only three months to live, PJ Aldridge, who was heavily supported by friends and family, came up with the idea to form the PJ Aldridge Foundation in May of 2010.

That same year, High Point University reached out to this foundation and started a month long fundraiser to help raise both awareness and funds for one of the most underfunded and under researched cancers in America. After a month of fundraising and a day dedicated to Aldridge himself, titled "PJ's for PJ", the school raised a total of $2,300 in the fall of 2010. While most associate October with pink ribbons, HPU has attempted to help those associate October with Lung Cancer Awareness as well.

October of this year started the beginning of the PJ Aldridge Foundation Fundraiser once again. With a month to raise awareness, and incentives that range from $500 cash to a 7 day and 6-night spring break trip with $500 gas money included, it is no surprise that several students and organizations have formed groups to start fundraising.

Anna Lee Nocero, a HPU sophomore and Kappa Delta sorority sister, explained why last year she started a group and why it means so much to her to have this opportunity again this year.

When he speaks about the challenges he's facing and how his life is today, he crawls right into your heart.

~Vera Taylor
Close friend to Aldridge

Sisters sell beads to fight poverty in Uganda

Alpha Gamma Delta gathers at the Student Philanthropy Desks in the University Center to raise awareness and money for impoverished people in Uganda. The money raised from all of the beads sold was sent back to the women in Uganda who made the beads. The organization operates under the slogan: "eradicating poverty one bead at a time." Photo by Allie Dearing

Alpha Chi Omega to add first class at HPU in 2012

By Sarah Martin
Staff Writer

This year women interested in going through spring recruitment will have another sorority to choose from. Alpha Chi Omega will be joining spring rush this year along with Alpha Gamma Delta, Sigma Delta, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Tri Mu, and Zeta Tau Alpha sororities. The women who founded Alpha Chi Omega in 1885 were music students at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. As collegians, they sought friendship, artis- tic society and advancement of the prin- ciples of true womanhood.

Alpha Chi Omega will be the sixth National Panhellenic Conference group on the High Point University campus. Their plans include spring 2012 observa- tion and moving into the Greek Vill- age in fall 2012. They are seeking women who display character, leadership ability, academic interest, personal development, and financial responsibility. "We are not only looking to contribute to the college, but also to form a strong sisterhood," said Beck.

Alpha Chi Omega will participate in the first night of recruitment to poten- tial new members can meet with Alpha Chi Omega sisters. If the rusher is interes- ted in Alpha Chi Omega, she will need to fill out a bid card and can rank Alpha Chi Omega in their following week. In order for her to participate in their rush week, women will schedule interviews with the sisters of Alpha Chi Omega, and can do this by going to JoinAlphaChiOmega.com.

Greek Life Assistant Coordinator, Joe Wheeler oversees much of the Greek Community at High Point University and is excited about the future of Alpha Chi Omega.

"I think Alpha Chi Omega coming to High Point really adds a lot of excitement to the women looking to join a sorority in the spring of 2012," said Wheeler.

Grey Beck, a junior HPU student and Alpha Chi Omega expansion consultant, also feels the excitement of another sorority arriving and sees potential for their future.

"They're really looking forward to joining the Greek System at High Point," said Beck. "I really think they'll add a lot to the growing Greek life on campus."

Alpha Chi Omega representatives will be on the High Point University campus all semester and any potential new members interested in learning more about the sorority can contact Jennifer Harrison at jharrison@alphachiomega.org or can contact their Fall 2011 Founding Sister, Henry Mokle, Organizations Editor, contributed to this article.

Quick Facts

Brand: Real, Strong Women
Philanthropy: Domestic violence awareness Colors: Scarlet and olive green
Flower: Red Carnation

Alpha Chi Omega
October Extraordinary Leaders

Special to the Chronicle

The Office of Student Life recognizes an Extraordinary Leader each month. According to Gail Tattle, vice president of Student Life, the entire HPU community—students, faculty and staff—make nominations, and 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. The Campus Chronicle publishes the results each month.

October turned out so many impressive applications for the Extraordinary Leader recognition that the Office of Student Life couldn't select just one. For that reason, junior Rebecca Irvine and senior Graham Howard were both selected as Extraordinary Leaders.

Both of the students are engaged on campus in dozens of ways and represent HPU's holistic learning environment through the aspects of giving back and achieving success. Irvine, a presidential scholar and recipient of the Norman and Thomas Special Education Scholarship, is actively involved in the university's Teachers of Tomorrow chapter. As an education major, she assists local teachers with various projects, such as a Box Tops for Education Collection and making over a teacher's classroom. She's organized a Teacher Cadet Program for local high school students interested in education, served as a book buddy at Montlieu Elementary Academy of Technology, raised money for local first-year teachers and received the Leadership Award from Teachers of Tomorrow. On campus, she is a resident assistant and a peer mentor.

"Through campus organizations, I have been able to expand my leadership skills and participate in various activities," Irvine says. "The hands-on approach to learning has given me the opportunity to log countless hours in local schools and bring joy to children in the area. HPU has helped me to ensure that special education is my passion."

Howard is an entrepreneurship and marketing major who is already making impressive strides in his career. A recipient of the academic achievement scholarship, Howard is treasurer of the Rotary Club, treasurer of the Philosophy Club, treasurer of the Business Student Association and an analyst with the Floyd T. Craven Investment Club on campus. He also serves as the vice president to the Entrepreneurship Club, is on the Peer Mentor Executive Board, is an assistant resident director at the Greek Village and is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

One of Howard's goals was to leave his mark on campus—which is why he's been so involved. In turn, he's gained skills that have allowed him to already begin a full-time career.

"This past summer I started a new job at Thomas and Gray Furniture Company," he said. "It had such a wide range of opportunities for me to use the education that I am receiving from High Point University in the areas of Entrepreneurship, Marketing and Global Trade. I plan to stay with them and work full time while looking to pursue a Master's Degree in Business Administration."

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**Events**

- **Monday, November 14:**
  - **HPU Jazz and Percussion Ensemble Concert**
    - **7:30pm**
    - **HPU Fine Arts Center**

- **Wednesday, November 16:**
  - **Cultural Enrichment Series**
    - **3hpurec group X class schedule**
      - **highpoint.edu/hpurec**

- **Friday, November 18:**
  - **HPU Theatre-University (A Musical)**
    - **7:30pm**
    - **HPU Fine Arts Center**

- **Saturday, November 19:**
  - **Thanksgiving Day Celebration**
    - **9:00am**
    - **High Point University**

**Admissions Office**

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  - **Monday - Friday:**
    - **8:00am - 5:00pm**
  - **Saturday:**
    - **9:00am - 1:00pm**
Clockwise from top left:
- HPU students gather with local children while on their alternative fall break trip to Guatemala.
- Taylor Elliot plays with two local kids while on the APO alternative fall break trip to Nicaragua.
- The Slate Student center, illuminated at night.
- A Complex resident hands out candy to delighted boys. The Complex hosted a night of safe trick-or-treating for the Boys and Girls club.

Clockwise from bottom right:
- Ariel Gariepy shares HPU sunglasses with two local kids in Nicaragua.
- Kelsey Tate and Stephanie Kelly ride in the rain to their job site while in Guatemala.
- President Nido Qubein sits down for an interview with Malcolm Gladwell on the afternoon of Nov. 2.
- Complex residents show off their Halloween costumes.
Sports

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By Nolan Stout
Staff Writer

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Junior Corey Law took on the spirit of the occasion and not only shocked the crowd with his amazing dunks, but with his costume changes as well. He started out in the team uniform, and following his first dunk, pulled off the jersey to reveal the jersey of Michael Jordan. After his second dunk, he faked a thigh injury and hobbled to the locker room, sending the gym into a buzz of panic. But not to worry, almost immediately, he was back on the court as Superman. To the sound of cheers and boos, Law finished off his show-stopping dunk performance by posing for the crowd.
Senior Shay Shine didn’t have the best start to the dunk contest, but he finished strong and managed to present some fantastic facial expressions.
Freshman Quincy Drye impressed the crowd by showing off his skills to the HPU student body for the first time.
During the five-on-five at the end of the event, sophomore Xavier Martin managed to dunk the ball with a little help from a teammate.
Not to be outdone by his fellow freshman, Devante Wallace puts up a spectacular shot during five-on-five.

“When I dunk, I put something on it. I want the ball to hit the floor before I do.”
~ Darryl Dawkins
Men's Preview

With all the right pieces, Panthers look to 'Shine' in Big South

By Patrick Budd
Sports Editor

Last season ended sooner than anticipated for the High Point University men's basketball team, and left a bitter feeling through the long off-season for the Panthers.

Now they have some unfinished business to take care of.

The Panthers, who lost only three players to graduation, return its top three scorers in Nick Barbour, Shay Shine, and Corey Law this season. Barbour and Shine are entering their final season at HPU.

As expected, Barbour was named to the Preseason All-Big South team for the third consecutive year. The Davieville, Va., native last season averaged nearly 18 points per game, and seemed to be the Panther's "go-to guy."

And of course, the infamous "Mr. YouTube," Shay Shine, is returning to the Panthers for his senior year as well.

Despite the talent and the off-season additions of players such as John Brown and Branimir Mikulic, the Panthers have only been picked to finish sixth in the preseason Big South Conference polls.

"The players don't feel that being picked sixth is right, and we don't anticipate finishing sixth," said head coach Scott Cherry.

Grabbing the change in style of play. We have a lot of new faces with a lot of new opportunity," said Hoover. "We've got a lot of pieces in place, and it's now just putting it all together.

"We're excited about the change in style of play. We have a lot of new faces with a lot of new opportunity," said Hoover. "We've got a lot of pieces in place, and it's now just putting it all together." Before HPU, Hoover was the top assistant coach for three seasons at California University, where she coached the Golden Bears to a Sweet 16 appearance. Hoover graduated from Wake Forest University, where she played basketball. She is one of the Atlantic Coast Conference's top 50 players of all-time.

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Projected Starting Lineup:

F Travis Elliott
F Corey Law
G Nick Barbour
G Shay Shine
PG Jairus Simms

Upcoming games:

Bridgewater, Nov. 12, 7 PM
#Purdue, Nov. 14, 7:30 PM
@Cent. Florida, Nov. 18, 7 PM
Tennessee Tech, Nov. 22, 7 PM
The Citadel, Nov. 26, 7 PM
@Hampton, Nov. 29, 7 PM
@Campbell, Dec. 5, 7 PM
Wake Forest, Dec. 7, 7 PM

Women's Preview

New coach, new ideas for Panther Basketball

By Patrick Budd
Sports Editor

The Tooey Loy era of coaching is over, five players graduated in May, and only one senior is on the roster for the 2011-2012 season. So where does that leave the Panthers for this year?

Despite these minor challenges, the Panthers are projected to finish second in the Big South Conference.

The team returns its top scorer, and Preseason All-Big South team member, Shamia Brown.

Brown, the only senior on the team, averaged nearly 13 points per game in addition to five rebounds per game last season.

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Longwood, Nov. 20, 7 PM
Mercer, Nov. 25, 7 PM
Pittsburgh, Dec. 2, 7 PM
@Vanderbilt, Dec. 4, 2 PM