Students learn the art of holiday cheer, even far from home
By Eleanor Christopher
Staff Writer

The holiday season is a marvelous time at High Point University. Even though students are away from their homes, one does not miss out on the holiday experience. The campus is decorated with lights, tree soldiers, lights, garland, bows and other holiday accessories. When walking down thepromenade, one listens to the soft hymns of Christmas music. Nevertheless, students anxiously await going home to their families for this festive time of year.

Happy holidays! Door decorations spread cheer throughout the residence halls.

Photo by Eleanor Christopher

Megan St.witch, a freshman at HPU, said, “Over Christmas break, I will be working a lot, seeing ‘A Christmas Carol’ with my hometown, offering to babysit, and any other volunteer work and the age difference between me and her hometown, offering to babysit, and any other volunteer work."

Several other students at HPU, St. witch decorated her dorm with festive attributes including a small tree and Christmas stockings. She said, “I decorated my room because Christmas is my favorite holiday, and I love to be in the Christmas spirit.”

Cort Bans, a junior at HPU, said, “I like to consider the day after Thanksgiving, Black Friday, an annual tradition I like to participate in. I either go with friends or often, just spend the day shopping with my mom.” The day after Thanksgiving is the starting point of the winter holidays for most HPU students.

Several students are eager to go home for the break so they can work. Brynn Tolbin, a sophomore, said, “I’ll be trying to make as much money as I can for when I get home.”

“Even with the schedule changes, See Cupcakes?”

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Opinion

Should High Point University remain a tobacco-free campus?

Policy threatens lives

By Dave Kovolsky
Staff Writer

A recent attack occurred off-campus when a student walked outside the university gates to smoke. In light of this event, I think it's time to reassert the fact that High Point University's campus is tobacco-free.

This student, a freshman, wouldn't have gone off-campus and experienced this attack if there had been a place for her to smoke. This is why I noticed a pile of cigarette filters in the corner of the dorms and academic buildings.

A designated smoking area would eliminate this problem and keep students from walking off-campus. Instead, they would smoke in a place that is designated for smoking. This would allow students to do what they want, in a safer and more convenient way.

While a tobacco-free campus is intended to help colleges maintain a cleaner and healthier atmosphere, at HPU this statement doesn't hold true. The university more than it realizes. Since smoking is not permitted, there are no ashtrays to dispose already smoked cigarettes into. This results in students carelessly throwing the "butt end" of the cigarette on the ground.

While walking behind the apartments on campus, I noticed a pile of cigarette filters in the corner. As I picked up the pile all I could smell were cigarettes," said freshman Steven McGuire.

Everyone knows smoking cigarettes is dangerous. The chemicals found in them have many harmful effects on the human body. If this doesn't convince people not to smoke, then nothing will. It would be better for everyone if paranoia that comes with worrying about being fined for doing something could be removed.

The issue of second-hand smoke could be avoided by placing the designated smoking area away from the dorms and academic buildings. College students already have enough problems to worry about. The added paranoia that comes with worrying about being fined for doing something completely legal in our country just adds onto the pile. More stress is added to the student's life, opposed to the relaxation they would receive from safely smoking a cigarette on campus.

Final farwell: Advice from a girl who's already been there

By Amanda Mayes
Staff Writer

December. Where did this semester go? Whatever you do, never blame it. It was not until I looked at a calendar that I realized I graduate in a handful of days. And not long after that it dawned on me that it has been two and a half years since I joined the Campus Chronicle staff as an opinion writer. Though originally serving my selfish interests of creating an outlet for my obviously persistent voice, I have since changed my tune to one of gratitude for serving as an outlet for dialogue on some pressing social issues of our time. If I have made it through to one individual—if I have challenged one individual to think and to question—then I have done my job. And so, without further ado, here is my final and hopefully far-from-cliche article for the Chronicle.

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"It's not what you are taught in college that is important, it is what you learn. And the brightest managers I've ever worked with, they are not graduates of Harvard or Princeton, they are graduates of college."

-Denny Strigl
former President and CEO
Verizon Wireless

This anecdote ties into the third error that managers are liable to make; they get caught up in their own self-importance. Managers often have additional perks to the jobs, such as staying in a hotel, and others who work for it. They may lack the title "manager" does not mean the concepts cannot be applied. With extensive experience working for a large company like Verizon, and communicating with some of the brightest people in the technology industry, Strigl has plenty of advice for how to find the best of the best, when it comes to hiring.

"I look at a potential employee for just a couple of things. Number one is that they need to be inquisitive. So, when people would interview for a job, if they didn't ask a question, they were done. And the people who learned most in life, and it's obvious—they ask questions, they pay attention, they want to know, there is a thirst for knowledge—that is the best employee that you can hire. The second important point for me is that you must be honest. In an interview, the interviewer can determine honesty. And unless you are totally honest, I wouldn't hire you.

Strigl shared a story about his adopted daughter, an HPU graduate, saying that the hardest part for her was to get hired. It is not hard to stay hired, but it is hard to get your foot in the door. "I'd be inquisitive and be honest. And those are the two most important things. Have a college degree. While you are here, learn something."

He then went on to share his thoughts about the university, since his first visit in 2005 and his last, which was almost two years ago. "What I remember from 5 years ago is just a shell of what this university has become. And the advantage that you have here is the culture of this institution, and I hope you know that, it is so vibrant here, you have the best of everything and you should take advantage of it."

"The best gift I have ever given was a money donation to the water crisis in India. During Going Global Day at High Point on Nov. 16, I raised awareness with the rest of the women gender studies class. The money my class partner and I raised will give a child in India clean drinking water for two years."

"I worked with multiple clothing companies to put on a fashion show to raise money to provide dresses for girls and women who can't afford them. Over 100 girls got dresses for their prom that year."

"I donated a cow to a family in India in honor of my dad from the (International) Heifer Foundation."

"I gave each of my family members money to donate to charity. I learned about the idea through my church. I was only about six years old but it was so cute. My mom took a picture of me and my envelopes!"

"As you can imagine, you see a lot of what works in business, but you also see a lot of what doesn't work," said Strigl. "I thought I would write a book that talks about both.

According to Strigl, there are three main reasons why managers struggle with leading important things. They should be focusing on four things: growing revenue, getting new customers, keeping the existing customers and cutting costs in some way. Toward the beginning of his career, Strigl worked for Ameritech Mobile, which was the company in the United States that introduced the first commercial cell phone.

"My brother, mother, and I got a flight to Ireland to surprise my grandparents. We got into a huge storm—just jumped out, and surprised them! I thought my grandpa was going to have a heart attack; thank goodness he didn't!"

"The company in the United States that worked for Ameritech Mobile, which was introduced the first commercial cell phone. Strigl's book is a title playing off the infamous book based on his 42 years of getting a job. Following his recent retirement, Strigl has written a book based on his 42 years of experience in the industry of telecommunications, as well as his business management philosophies. In addition, he also enlightened students to his thoughts on college and the industry of telecommunications, as well as his business management philosophies. He then went on to share his thoughts about the university, since his first visit in 2005 and his last, which was almost two years ago. "What I remember from 5 years ago is just a shell of what this university has become. And the advantage that you have here is the culture of this institution, and I hope you know that, it is so vibrant here, you have the best of everything and you should take advantage of it."

Secondhand News:
Stress: So cliché

T he word 'stress' on campus at this time of the year is heard as commonly as "extracurricular"—and we all know nothing more common than that. Now, you can either choose one of two paths when dealing with the situation which is about to be further explained: 1) Become trapped in the "stress snare" along with half of the student body, and may say, the world, or 2) Think calmly, and with the realization that since everything is so-called "meant to be," you will be fine. (In 10 years, this type of stress will be a thing of the past anyway.) I think it's important that you know that stress doesn't need to be a part of your vocabulary. You'll be more productive when put into a calm mindset and find that you're happier, too.

I truly think that there could be no more perfect word than "cliche" to describe what our take, as college students, on stress should be. Stress is dramatized by the average student and is spoken of far too often than needed. You are the one who creates the "stressful" atmosphere for yourself, so it's plain to see just how unnecessary it really is.

The key is to take things in moderation and to go about them slowly. Think about it, you can seriously come up with one reason as to why you have to rush anything in your life? Time passes quickly enough to speed it up anymore. Place upon yourself a load that you can handle and learn to say "no." It's funny how this tiny word has instilled in us the biggest fear—the fear of missing out. If you can learn to get over the discomfort this answer seems to initially bring, you will be one step closer to eliminating stress.

You're going to have enough problems of your own without stress, but stress is one that can be avoided. Don't waste a second of the time you are given in a hurried, fearful state. Live at your own pace.
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Breaking Dawn: Big with box office, bad with critics

By Chelsie Merone
A&E Editor

On Nov. 18, Part one of the fourth installment for the Twilight Saga was released, and fans of all ages flocked to theaters in record numbers. Crowds upwards of $500 million worldwide and $80.3 million for the first midnight showing. "Breaking Dawn" has snagged the spot of fifth biggest opening of all time. Still, many critics are asking is the financial success surrounding the franchise overpowering the fact that it was a mediocre film?

As a fan of the books, I was one of those crazy girls who waited in line at 8 a.m. the Tuesday before the film was released to get free tickets to the midnight showing. Thankfully, to my surprise, other "Twihards" had already arrived hours before - making me feel far less crazy for getting up early on a day when I didn't have class. But was the movie worth sacrificing precious sleep? In my opinion, no, it wasn't.

If you asked any of the people leaving the theater, twelves, teens, moms, dads and reluctant boyfriends alike, most of them would have had high praise for the much anticipated film. Some may even have said it was the best one yet, but I walked away from the film a little indifferent.

Despite the efforts of the cast and the director to convey this chapter of the epic love story, I was expecting a lot more. Particularly from Jacob's character, played by Taylor Lautner. Yes, he is meant to be brooding and angry in the first half of the two-part film, but no Rodolfo dramatic can you be? I found him to be very amateur, and his hesitation to explore the complexities of this character hurt his overall performance. This surprised me, especially with the amount of work Lautner did, mentally and physically to hold on to the role during the making of "New Moon."

Another performance that surprised me was Kristen Stewart. With each film, her acting has gotten worse and worse. In "Twilight," she played the awkward and quizzical Bella Swann very well; but in "New Moon," her character slips into a deep depression that Stewart unfortunately takes too far, carrying it over into "Eclipse." Her best scenes in that film, in my opinion, were the ones where she had no lines. But in "Breaking Dawn," she finally breaks her streak of subplot acting; giving a pretty powerful and convincing performance.

Still, while watching the film I knew something was missing. What was it though? There were plenty of funny and adorable Cullen family moments. It was raining vampire and werewolf abs, and there was even a beautiful wedding - oh yeah, I know - the plot line was boring.

Yes they followed the storyline, but because Summit decided to split the movie into two parts, it cut off at the key plot-point in the story; pretty much making audiences watch 1 hour and 45 minutes worth of background information. I may end up getting stoned by "Twilight" for saying this, but the best part of the film had nothing to do with the actual story - it was the production.

Looking at the film from a cinematic standpoint, I think Summit hit the nail right on the head. The CGI and special effects used really helped bring the story to life, especially considering the task at hand. Showing someone slowly deteriorating before your eyes isn't easy; plus, adding a baby and a mythical species "battle-royale" into the equation doesn't help. But hats off to the editing and production team! Stewart looked fragile, torturably and absolutely horrible - just as I had imagined.

To sum up, if you loved and read the books, you will probably love the movie; but if you don't eat, sleep and breathe Twilight, think again, because this is not a movie to go to for the hell of it. But regardless of the critics' reviews of the film, movie-goers will see "Breaking Dawn," some even more than once. This movie critic would say: save your $11 and read the book instead.

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"Together.

The holiday spirit does seem to bring people together. Many students are simply excited to finally have time to spend with their family and friends. Senior Annie DeKraker said, "I'm most excited to be reunited with my friends from home. Since we are all away at different schools, it's nice to have a long break to spend with them." Freshman Jenna Robinson, who lives in Maine, said, "Being away from home for so long has helped me realize how much I love my family, and it has also made me miss and appreciate the little things that each of my family members would do on a daily basis."

Food is also a big part of students' holiday traditions. Freshman Patti Suchan stated, "On Christmas day, usually around 1 p.m., we will have a big lunch with ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls and sparkling cider."

Sophomore Kyla Guthrie is undoubtedly excited for the holiday food. She explained that she loves, "being able to cook in our own kitchen with ingredients my mom brought instead of me. Finally, her passion for food can be let loose without worrying about a college student budget."

And of course, the holidays do come with gifts. Early Lucas is hoping to get lots of cool, big, antique photo frames as well as a red bandage skirt with a zipper. Junior Virginia Durandly stated, "I can't say that I am super excited to receive one gift in particular. I enjoy finding gifts to give others and seeing how much they enjoy them throughout the year."

To top it all, there is nothing like seeing someone's face light up after having received a gift that thought has been put into. In conclusion, she said, "I guess in a way the gift I look forward to most each year is the gift of joy that my family and friends give to me during this time of year."

So through the decorations, jobs, visiting family and friends, the food, and the gift receiving and giving, High Point University students will greet the holidays with open arms. But of course, before any of this, there is exams. And the best present of all will be the feeling of a job well done after the hard work one has put in throughout all of the semester.

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the girls remain hard at work. They have designated Saturday, their only day off from track, as their day to sell. How do they manage? Manika bakes the cupcakes and Shannon helps deliver. "She usually has them in these big containers, so we lug them from place to place going around to whoever we know will buy them. There are always certain people that we know are going to get them - like seaweed," Shannon said.

"We are selling about 100 cupcakes a weekend at $2.50 a piece, profiting roughly $250. Sponsored by the Entrepreneurship Club on campus, Baby Cakes can even accept payment through passport cards."

The Future of "Baby Cakes"

With Manika in her final year, the fate of Baby Cakes lies in Corbett's hands. "It's gonna be really hard without her - I don't like to think about that yet," Corbett said. "Gamble seems to think otherwise. "Shannon's gonna be able to take over pretty well. It's probably gonna boom as soon as I leave," she jokingly said.

As far as Gamble's future goes, surprisingly baking has no place in it. But it was valuable entrepreneurial experience. "I just know [cupcakes] were popular, I'm not planning to do this after I graduate," she said.

Corbett agrees that this was a way to develop business experience and to develop a deep passion for baking. "People keep asking me when we go around, 'Oh, do you guys wanna be bakers?'" A simulation of sorts from both girls, followed by laughter, is their typical response. As Gamble puts it, "It is and will be a college thing."

Deck the halls. Doors in the Complex are decked to the max for the holiday season. Photo by Eleanor Christopher

Light a-glow. Freshman Megan Switlick shows off the holiday decorations in her room. Photo by Eleanor Christopher

Chelsie's Top 5: Christmas Movies

A Christmas Story
Elf
White Christmas
The Muppet Christmas Carol
Home Alone
Organizations

Habitat for Humanity building homes for the holidays

By Chelsie Gastright
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving has come and gone, and while dining over turkey many people remember about what they are thankful for. Things such as family, great food, and the company of others are common things. After Thanksgiving, families begin to prepare for Christmas. Kids, teenagers, and parents alike start making wish lists for a highly anticipated morning. However, there are some families where the only thing they are asking for this Christmas is a roof over their heads.

Habitat for Humanity is a community, service-based organization that helps build affordable housing for those who need it. Once a month, the High Point University chapter of Habitat for Humanity meets in the Sechrest Art gallery room 147. The chapter was brought back in 2010 after being inactive since it was first founded in 1999, but was disbanded.

In 2010, the chapter was brought back to help find ways to actively involve more HPU students. Since the HPU chapter has been brought back, the students and community have helped build 75 homes in the surrounding areas and the number is still growing.

The HPU chapter meets twice a month, once for a meeting to talk about opportunities and other projects that are available, and once for their monthly build. However, just because this organization only meets twice a month does not mean that there are not plenty of opportunities to help. During the week, the organization also reaches out to the local HPU ReStore to help with any needs they may have. A ReStore location is a donation center where local businesses or even someone looking to do away with some furniture can drop off items of need to help furnish the homes that are being built. The items are also sold to the public in order to build H4H funds.

In spirit of Christmas, students of the HPU chapter have created Christmas cards for each family they have helped provide a home for this past semester.

Melissa Irgens, HPU senior and president of the Habitat for Humanity chapter, has been involved with Habitat for Humanity for four years and still finds the same happiness for helping others today as she did four years ago when she started.

"I have a passion for helping people. It is very rewarding to know that by simply applying paint to a wall or nailing two boards together that I am helping someone have the 'American Dream.'"

-Melissa Irgens
President of Habitat for Humanity
HPU Chapter

"I was able to relate to the message that the organization was trying to spread," said Elmore. "I suffered from depression after moving away from home. It really helped knowing that there was an outlet that wanted to help people with these kind of issues."

Elmore's main goal is in letting the student body know that if they are suffering, that they are not alone.

"I want people to know that there is a place on campus that can help them get through their struggles; they don’t have to do it alone," said Elmore. "Sometimes it can be hard to admit that you need help, so they don’t have to approach someone about it, but hopefully they will find ease in that we are there for you and we too have been there where they are.

Without Habitat for Humanity, many of these families might not have a nice, warm Christmas with their families," says Kenneth Irgens, freshman. "The opportunity they receive through this organization means they can provide the home and shelter they've always wanted."

Irgens also mentioned that beyond helping others, there are other benefits to being a part of Habitat for Humanity. Knowing that you are learning basic skills for projects around a home that could be yours is essential, especially in these times.

This chapter is also helping students gain valuable work in community service, and with the Christmas season, it is easy to know that what this organization does is really important.

This organization has done and is doing an amazing job providing college students the chance to really give back to the community with our own two hands," says senior Carla Antor.

"We are always building a home during the summer or making a Christmas wish come true, Habitat for Humanity is always looking for students who are willing to put in some hard work to help the 'American Dream' possible for those less fortunate.

Writing love on arms, and hope in hearts at HPU

By Jodi Guglielmi
Staff Writer

To Write Love On Her Arms is a non-profit organization, dedicated to presenting hope and finding help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury, and thoughts of suicide. Commonly referred to as "TWLOHA," To Write Love On Her Arms exists as the middleman between finding help and pointing people in the right direction towards getting treatment.

To Write Love On Her Arms originated in 2006 in Orlando, Fl. when the founders of the organization decided to help their friend, known only as "Renee," find treatment. Renee was 19 at the time, suffering from drug addictions and constant suicidal thoughts. When she was taken to treatment the center uncovered wounds on her arms - self-degrading words carved into her arms from the night before. They named her too great of a risk and did not accept her into the treatment facility.

When turned down, the two men took her under their wing. After days of being with her and entertaining while she sobbed up, they took her back to treatment where she was finally accepted. The money for Renee's treatment was raised through donations on MySpace and awareness due to bands wearing t-shirts with the "To Write Love On Her Arms" logo during concerts.

After seeing the effect that they were able to have on Renee's life, the men didn't want to stop there. Almost five years later they have raised more than $700,000 for the organization. They have a large staff and have more planned this semester we will be on campus," said Elmore.

"We hope that next semester we will be able to escalate it to a higher level, and be more interactive with the student body.

"Without the organization, Renee would not be able to get the help she needed. It is very rewarding to know that what this organization does is really important."

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"If you would like to get involved, meetings are held on Monday nights in Congdon Hall, room 147."
Big Man on Campus takes over HPU, creates laughs and competition

Above: Big Man On Campus winner Kyle Connolly celebrates following the winning announcement.
Left: Connolly flexes during participant introductions.
Right: Runner-up James Brunson represents Phi Mu sorority during his on-stage intro.

Photos by Jeremy Hopkins

Zeta Tau Alpha’s Big Man on Campus showcased the talents and humor of 13 contestants from HPU’s fraternities, sororities and clubs.

Among the many laughs was a heated competition between the guys, from the dances and songs of the talent competition, to the honest answers in the question section.

Kyle Connolly won the crown, representing Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, with James Brunson, representing Phi Mu, coming in a close second.

Top Left, Counter Clockwise:

Photos by Jeremy Hopkins
ACC hoops come to HPU, Panthers ready to take on Deacons

By Nolan Stout

Tonight, 7 p.m. Mills Athletic Center. The ACC comes to High Point.

When the Wake Forest University basketball team comes to town, it will be the first time in school history that an Atlantic Coast Conference school will be playing a game in High Point.

This is not, however, the first meeting between HPU and Wake Forest University. It will be the first time they have played at the Mills Center; the last two matchups being played a mere 30-minute drive down the road in Winston-Salem. Both of those games were won by the Demon Deacons.

Not only does the team have playing experience against Wake Forest, 13 of the 14 players on the roster are from one or more ACC schools, familiarizing them with this opponent. Five of those are from North Carolina, including freshmen guard Quincy Drye of Durham, home of Duke University, and forward Landon Harris of Winston-Salem, Wake Forest territory.

The coaches also know Wake all too well through their own ACC ties. Assistant coach Mike Balado was on the coaching staff at the University of Miami during the 2008-09 season and head coach Scott Cherry was part of the Tobacco Road rivalry when he played at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1989-1993.

The Panthers have not beaten the Demon Deacons since the 1993-94 season, a 19-13 win before the formation of the Atlantic Coast Conference. That is the only win High Point has in the 10 meetings between the schools.

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Women's basketball goes 3-1 on recent home stand

By Shawntay Henry

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However, by the second half of the game, the double digit scorers Erin Reynolds, 19, Cheyenne Parker, 15, Shamia Brown 12, and Lauren Wirt, 10, put the game out of reach for their opponents.

The Panthers have a difficult schedule ahead of them after going 3-1 during this stretch.

The Panthers are putting in hard work on and off the court.

This week, the Panthers are working hard on the court. Coach Hoover said she is encouraging her team to play every possession like it is their last, pushing her team very hard in practice.

Off the court, Shamia Brown said the team is close and that a lot of their energy off the court is carried on the court. She hopes to continue her leadership by example.

Although she says she is not very vocal, Shamia tries to keep the team uplifted by talking through everything defensively and offensively.

The Panthers are scheduled to be in the Bahamas on December 19-20 to play Georgia State and Central Arkansas in the Bahamas Classic.
Looking at Landon Harris, it’s easy to say he’s a pretty big guy. At 6-feet, 5-inches, he towers over most students at High Point University.

Most people can guess pretty correctly that he’s on the basketball team, especially with all the walking testimonials plastered on his clothes.

But who can blame them? To say he’s had an easy journey getting to where he is today would be the understatement of the world.

Walking around the halls at Davie County High School in Mocksville, N.C., you wouldn’t even suspect Landon would one day become a Division I athlete. He had shaggy brown hair down to his eyebrows and bright green eyes. His ears stuck out a little on each side. He was enormous tall and shy, yet one of the most well-liked students. Some even called him the BFG, big friendly giant. Although he didn’t say much, man, was he good at basketball.

He started playing when he was about four years old. My dad never lowered our rim outside from ten feet, so I learned how to shoot on a ten foot goal pretty early on,” Harris recalls.

The passion for the game started at a very young age and never quit. Harris’s stats in High School averaged 10 points, 8 rebounds per game, and shot 56 percent from the floor. During his senior year, Harris was 8 rebounds per game, and shot 56 percent from the floor. During his senior year, Harris was rated in the Top 200 players in the nation by Rivals.com.

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Fall sports end season with no rings this year

By Patrick Budd Sports Editor

Men’s Soccer

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Soccer

The Panthers will say good-bye to seniors Katie Tabor, Andrea Ritchie, Margaret Fleming, Damid Rosado, and Britt Nicole Toney. The seniors will lead HPU to the Big South Conference Championship.

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Club swim team heads to Atlanta to compete in Olympic setting

Each April the HPU club swim team takes a five-hour bus ride to Atlanta to compete in the East Coast Swim Club Championships, held annually on the campus of Georgia Tech.

"Atlanta is basically what we work for a whole year," said Pat Stein, "Everyone has been excited about the meet since the first practice and it’s just a lot of fun to go out and swim in a pool like Georgia Tech’s.

"It’s a dream come true. It’s definitely everything I expected swimming to be and more. It’s been fun making so many new friends and being part of a team again. I’ve trained and competed in different areas across the country," said Harris.

In the team’s first game against Bridge- water College, HPU won 95-52. Harris got quite a bit of playing time as well, even draining a three-pointer in his first collegiate game.

Harris’s future is looking brighter by the day and he will always have quite the und erdog, Cinderella story to tell.

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