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900 families flock to HPU for Winter Family Weekend
By Oliva French
Staff Writer

This past weekend, over 900 families traveled from near and far to HPU for this semester’s Winter Family Weekend. Though the weather was fairly cold, families did not let that put a damper on what turned out to be a good weekend for parents and students alike.

Many activities were available for families to participate in. Family Bingo was held in the Shine gym Friday night, with prizes ranging from Kelipy Knife Design and a case of Coca-Cola to a Kindel Touch and an Amazon.com gift card.

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Rutgers professor to speak on using digital technology in education
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In a world driven by social media, keeping friends and family up-to-date on everything happening is simpler than ever. Just take a photo with your iPhone during a concert, you can open up the Facebook app and post the photo in less than thirty seconds. With the ability to tell people where you are, who you are with, and what you are doing at the click of a button, concerns of privacy have never been more prevalent. So when does posting about your new cut and what you had for dinner last night become too much for social media?

On Feb. 9, Dr. Richard Miller, a Rutgers University English professor, will be coming to High Point University to answer that question and many more regarding the growing age of technology and privacy.

“We’ve spent the last thirty years thinking about education and efforts to improve the quality of teaching,” said Miller. “Watching my kids move from kindergarten forward, I have seen first-hand how technology is changing virtually every aspect of their lives.”

In the past five years, however, Miller has been focusing primarily on how the experience of college has changed and transformed by the ease access to the Internet. He calls this “learning in public” because of the lack of privacy in today’s world.

“I am focusing on how activities that were once considered private, including learning, are now subject to being made public at the push of a button. Think of virtual videos of professors showing their stacks in class, or even students posting pictures to Turnable of their weekend activities.”

Miller also wants to stress that using the Internet does have its consequences. Just like getting a tattoo on your skin, everything you do on the Internet is recorded and can be presented to others.

“Understanding the dangers of this growing technology is necessary for college students. This is also important to learn how to properly utilize the Internet, making it something that benefits the world,” Miller said.

While there are endless provisions to establish a sense of privacy on the Internet, the truth is that anything that you post on your screen can be captured and reposted,” said Miller. “I also know that our institutions are founded on the premise that information is scarce, and now it isn’t.”

‘Sweetmates’: love, marriage, and classes on top

By Katie Harmon
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Mary Beth Jones is a junior at High Point University. She is majoring in graphic design, and works part-time at a local embroidery shop. Like any other 21-year-old college student, she goes to class, does homework, has lunch with friends, and watches reality TV.

But Mary Beth is no ordinary college student. At the end of the day, most college students go home to their dorms and roommates. Mary Beth goes home to her husband.

There was once a time when an unmarried woman of Mary Beth’s age would have been considered an old maid. Then, time has long past.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the average age for women at their first marriage in 2003 was 25. Since then, the estimated average has reached the age of 30. Women are waiting longer, choosing instead to focus on their education and careers. So, what’s up with the Jones’? Why get married now?

Mary Beth first met her husband, Daniel, at their church in Boonville, N.C. When she was a junior in high school, they dated for three years before he popped the question.

“We really just didn’t want to wait,” Mary Beth explains, “We were ready to start our lives together.”

“I knew that Mary Beth was the one for me,” her husband, Daniel, adds. “We knew we were going to get married.”

“We’ve only been married for 2 years,” says Jessie, “and already can’t imagine what it would be like to not be married to Chris.”

Both couples agree that the most important aspect of their marriage was the best choice for them. “It’s much easier to go through the rest of my life with the person I love and care for most in the world,” Chris says of his wife, “I have a companion who I share my entire life with. Life is unimaginably sweeter with her.”

But marrying young is, by no means, a walk in the park.

“On her blog, The Young and the Married, Jessie chronicles the ups and downs of being married young.”

Her memoirs range from impromptu trips and birthday celebrations to the struggles of bargain hunting and crafting.

“The worst part [about being married in college] is probably being poor,” Jessie states, “Not that I would have been much better without getting married.”

Chances are when I wish we had a nicer apartment, or could go out to eat more often, I know that I would much rather have Chris than the money.”

Because HPU doesn't offer housing for married couples, they live off campus. Currently, the Jones’ live in an apartment built over an office building.

“At first, we thought it was unfair to not offer married housing,” Mary Beth explains, “But after looking into it and finding an apartment at a great deal, we came to terms with it pretty fast. We enjoy having our personal lives separate from school.”

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Though the couples’ friends and families were mostly supportive, there were also those who did not understand. “You can hear the doubts in the raised eyebrows and pitying looks,” Jessie explains a little awkwardly. “It’s definitely out the first thing I tell people about myself - they always freak out when they find out.”

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Oscar season is in full swing

By Chelsee Merone
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W ith the 84th Academy Awards just around the corner, critics and movie goers have been buzzing about the compilation. Not only has this year been jam packed with great films, but they have showcased great actors and actresses as well. We’ve seen novel adaptations, historical references, original plot lines, and some amazing creative direction.

This year’s Oscars is going to be nothing short of amazing, and to get ready for it, I have decided to see what critics are predicting. Here are a few of the categories, and possible winners.

Best Motion Picture of the Year
My pick: War Horse
Critics say: The Descendants

Best Actor in a Leading Role
My pick: Jean Dujardin
Critics say: George Clooney

Best Supporting Actor
My pick: Christopher Plummer
Critics say: Christopher Plummer

Best Supporting Actress
My pick: Octavia Spencer
Critics say: Octavia Spencer

Best Screenplay
My pick: Moneyball
Critics say: The Descendants

Best Adapted Screenplay
My pick: Bridesmaids
Critics say: War Horse

Best Director
My pick: Michel Hazanavicius
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Best Cinematography
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Opinion

Wanted: Real men (boys need not apply)

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Whatever happened to chivalry? Does it only exist in 80’s movies? I want to know if John Cusack holding a boom-box outside my window. I wanna ride off on a lawn mower with Patrick Dempsey. I want to know if it’s from Scream. Candle waiting outside the church for me. I want Judd Nelson thrusting his fist into the air because he got me. Just once I want my life to be like an 80’s movie, preferably one with a really awesome musical number for no apparent reason.

For those of you who don’t know, this year is from Easy A, a hilarious movie staring Emma Stone that I suggest everyone pick up immediately and watch. But recommendation aside, your probably wondering why I am quoting this--well here it goes.

As a 22-year-old female who is about to head out into the real world, I am hoping that the media haven’t completely ruined my chances of finding “Mr. Right.” But as so many college-aged women have come to discover, finding the perfect guy is like finding a unicorn, and we’re starting to lose faith.

It’s rare today to see someone do something out of the blue and romantic for someone they care about. Why? Because in today’s society they would be called a pansy, whippor-willow, or other less politically correct terms. Of course there are the brave souls that defy this standard; and most of them are immortalized on YouTube or other media outlets, but what about the everyday guy? The average 20-something guy you find anywhere in America. Why is it not okay for him to take a step back from his “super-butch” persona and do something not so manly? Such pressure, that’s why.

I’m not just talking about the pressure from friends; I’m talking about the expectations set forth by the media. This idea of being unappealing or not right for your fellow man for doing something that may not be in your Bro-Bible is promoted by the very same media empire that idolizes these types of chivalrous acts. Confused? Yes, I am too--so are most women.

It’s no secret that in recent years there has been a shift in how the media portrays men and women. I know, I know, this topic has been beaten to death by activists, scholars, governments, and even the media itself. But just because we haven’t gotten the message.

Just because a guy acts like a jerk in the movie and gets the girl, doesn’t mean it will happen that way in real life. Movies are written, and therefore, artificially formulated--get it through your heads, movies are NOT REAL life! Stop trying to act our favorite scenes in hopes of getting the same outcome.

This may seem like a feminist rant, but I think of it more as a sexual slap in the face for both women and men. Girls, stop lowering your standards; stop thinking you can change every guy you date; and please stop acting like you aren’t worth the effort.

Guys, my advice to you (if you choose to use it) is cut the crap. We all get it, you want to be a man’s man, and that’s fine; but you should take a second to think about how every single superficial comment you are giving the rest of your gender a bad name.

For all of you “White Collar” fans out there, take a few pages from Neal Caffrey’s book. Not only does he dress, talk, and act like a textbook definition of Mr. Right (minus the criminal record), but he also spends a majority of the first few seasons searching for the girl he loves, no matter what the cost. Okay, that may be a little extreme, but it’s a good start.

Bottom line: stop treating your girl like a bro. Open her car door, pay for her meal, don’t play mind-games, and please, please don’t ever use the term “chivalry” as a term of endearment (we have names, use them). You do this, and I promise it will pay off in the long run. We may think we want the “bad boy” now because it’s like the stereotype says, “you can’t take him home to mom.”

Gov’t acts hurt rather than help online users

By Christian Bettendorf
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S o, thankfully, it looks as if the SOPA and PIPA are about to encounter a big roadblock on their way to becoming laws -- a roadblock more commonly known as the White House. President Obama and company have said that as much as they love the idea of giving the copyright owners a few more tools to punch piracy in the face, he would rather have as much freedom of communication and information as possible.

For those not in the know, SOPA and PIPA refer to the Stop Online Piracy Act and the Protect Internet Protocol Act being nudged through Congress’ inner sanctum of legislation. They are a pair of bills that, in short, are vaguely written and crafted to help give copyright holders the ability to combat piracy online by targeting websites dedicated to such wanton theft of intellectual property, and blocking them entirely from access.

And to be fair, they deserve it. The Internet does make it a difficult task to keep your good name from being passed around like a plate of fine entertain- ment. And piracy has a decidedly harsh effect on the revenue for various content like music, movies, and video games.

But there is a severe downside to this, like crippling the Internet and, in turn, hurting the entertainment industry even more than piracy does.

You see, the Internet has a habit of making things that typically wouldn’t be popular, well, popular. I couldn’t begin to count the number of games that have risen to stardom due to the Internet’s massive set of connections. YouTube has turned filmmakers, actors, and video designers into minor celebrities. And of course deviantART has provided writers and artists with the crucial audiences needed to sell their work.

I can imagine this is not a bill Congress was eager to pass through. The biggest beneficiaries are the already established companies who want to put a choke hold on who can view their property, and blocking them entirely from access.

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Football is unarguably one of America's most notable pastimes. People all over the country tuned in on Sunday to watch the Patriots and Giants battle it out for the prestigious win at the Super Bowl. (Congruntualations Giants!). However, there are some of you out there, myself included, that really only watch the Super Bowl for one thing - the commercials.

The Super Bowl is a prime time for advertisers to spread word of their newest products and promotions because so many people are watching. I spoke with High Point University's own Professor Richard Hargrove to gain some insight on marketting during the big game. He shared, "The Super Bowl is the one instance in television viewing where the advertisements are just as important as the game to some people."

Professor Hargrove also explained which companies are looking to market during the expensive time slots. During the game, typically beer and cars are the major products being promoted. However, certain businesses can benefit according to what cultural and socioeconomic factors are prominent at the time. For instance, more employment agencies have advertised during the Super Bowl in the past few years. Hargrove states, "Obviously in a down economy when people are looking for jobs, that can apply to anyone who's watching."

I'd say a major factor that differentiates Super Bowl ads from regular old commercials is that the majority of them are hilarious. But why do companies make the ads so funny?

Hargrove answers, "It wouldn't make a lot of sense for Budweiser to come on and start telling you about their ingredients and what a good deal you could get. What they want to do is make you laugh because if it's a low-involvement product, then it's better to get you involved in enjoying the ad and that will transfer into a good feeling about the brand. The idea is to get you in a happy mood, have a good feeling about the ad, and that will transfer into a good feeling about the brand."

Now that we understand some of the background information regarding Super Bowl ads, I'll share with you my top favorite commercials from the 2012 Super Bowl.

1. Audi Vampire Party- The moment I saw the fangs, I wasn't thrilled. I figured, "Oh great... another Twilight spoof." But when the driver parked his car and the vampires began to be unchained by the headlights, it felt good. Perhaps my pleasure was due to the resentment of being bombarded with images of the Cullen clan for the past several years. Finally, real vampires that don't merely glitter in the light: they explode.

2. E-Trade Fatherhood- E-Trade gets me every year. They have found a goldmine in their hilarious talking baby. I don't know if it's the dooky voice they sync to it, or the overly dramatic gestures they somehow manage to make the baby do, but E-Trade will forever be a winner in my book.

3. Skechers- Mr. Quigley Dog Race- Normally dogs wearing people clothes freak me out, but I guess I can find a goldmine in them, too. When Mr. Quigley was rocketing those kicks. The little guy came out of nowhere mid-race to take first place, even leaving enough time to moonwalk backwards through the finish line. I guess I've always had a heart for the under dogs. Pun intended.

4. Doritos Baby Slingshot- I think I like this ad so much because of the justice that is served to the older sibling who is taunting the poor baby and grandmother. What an exemplary act of teamwork when Granny launches the baby via slingshot right into the tree house to retrieve the coveted Doritos. Just remind me to never let Grandma babysit again.

5. Chevy Camaro Graduation- Sometimes we all see what we want to see. But it's really unfortunate when you're seeing a brand new Camaro convertible instead of that lame mini-fridge your parents got you. But hey, have fun with your pints of Ben and Jerry's and somewhat refrigerated soda. It's almost the same.

Overall, Professor Hargrove says, "It's the conversation after the Super Bowl, not the ad itself. If people are talking about your product, what could be better?"
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Cinema and dinner at 1934 Prime Steakhouse, and other locations on campus

On Sunday morning, a family chapel service was held before parents and students said their goodbyes. Students were very happy to see their families. Freshman Ethel Smith said, "Having my family here makes me have a little taste of home without actually being home. It's a very nice experience."

Freshman Connor Bulkley, who lives close to High Point said, "Even though I see my mom a lot more than most students, it was nice to see her here."

Parents, siblings, and other family members were welcomed by the spectacular campus that students live on every day. Pamela and Ed Lucas, parents of freshman Casey Lucas, said, "Once again, between the beautiful campus, the excellent hospitality, and the feeling of family during Family Weekend, we know our daughter is at the most extraordinary university we could have ever envisioned."

Bingo! Families tried to win prizes on Friday night in the Slane Center. Photo by Allie Dearie.

Joyful noise! All three of the university choirs performed on Saturday afternoon for two concerts. The choirs are directed by Dr. Marc Ashley Pistor and accompanied by Mrs. Marcia Dills. Photo by Allie Dearie.

Decision 2012: Republican candidates establish themselves

By Jay Rinaldi
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There are four candidates left in the race for the Republican nomination for the presidential election of 2012. The nominating campaign will head to the Iowa Caucuses, New Hampshire, and South Carolina.

Romney was against the controversial federal mandate that was enacted by the Obama and Bush Administrations. He wrongly claimed that a health care industry would be akin to "kissing it goodbye." General Motors, among the automotive industries to be bailed out, is now the largest automaker in the world.

Among the many things conservatives want to have are stark contrasts to President Obama. One of these oppositions is to health care reform. All Republican candidates are against the health care reform bill passed by the Obama Administration, especially Romney. However, critics of Romney pointed to the similar health care legislation Romney passed when he was governor of Massachusetts, which also mandated citizens to purchase private health insurance. On foreign policy, Romney declared that if he were president he would not allow Iran to get a nuclear weapon; he has foreign policy advisors that were also advisors in the Bush Administration, an administration that was influential in cultivating the "Bush Doctrine," formulated by a neoconservative ideological view of foreign policy.

Ron Paul, as he has been called himself, is the only political candidate who has been consistently amazing support since the Iowa Caucuses. He points to this as reason to stay in the race. On issues, Paul is a fervent critic of the Federal Reserve. He believes a central banking system like the Reserve is to be antithetical to the Constitution and detrimental to an economy. Paul actually is not a Republican, but a libertarian. He left most people confused when he said "we're all Austrians now" in a speech he delivered on the night of the Iowa Caucuses: not many Americans are familiar with Austrian anything.

Newt Gingrich was the Speaker of the House for four terms during the Clinton Administration. He was leader in what the media termed the "Republican Revolution," which led Gingrich to become Speaker after the Republican Party came out victorious in the 1994 midterm elections, gaining control of both the House and the Senate. Like Rick Santorum, Newt Gingrich is against the federal mandate that requires health insurers to cover the cost of birth control, and even more steadfastly against requiring religious institutions to prescribe and cover birth control as well. Both Gingrich and Santorum support "personhood" initiatives that would legally declare fertilized eggs to be persons, according to The New York Times. Romney is also on the record as saying that requiring religious institutions to cover birth control is a "direct attack on religious liberty and would not stand in a Romney presidency."

On the economy, Gingrich would have the capital gains tax eliminated, citing that it would lead to more investment and higher rates of economic growth. On foreign policy, Newt Gingrich is a realist who believes that both the Bush and Obama Administrations have been too weak in its dealings with " rogue states" that have or are trying to acquire nuclear weapons, such as North Korea and Iran.

As of now, Romney has won two primaries, Santorum one (Iowa Caucus), and Gingrich one. In the last primary, Florida, Romney won the state by the greatest point margin yet. Florida is considered to be the most representative of the nation; giving Romney restored credibility as the GOP frontrunner.
Five Fashion Secrets that will Update Any Wardrobe

By Jordan Breetz
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While a new look but can't squeeze the cash because you're saving for that amazing spring break trip? Recycle and renew your wardrobe with these five fashion tips that are sure to take you from drab to fab with items that are already in your closet.

Layer- When layering, be sure to pull out your favorite dress. Pair with a cute cardigan or blazer and add a scarf to complete the look. This look is effortless and perfect to dress up a drab day. It can turn any of the dresses you already own into a more winter/fall appropriate look! It is also the perfect outfit to wear out at night or on a date!

Add a boot- Take your normal everyday outfit and add boots, cowboy boots to be exact. These suckers aren't just for the rodeos anymore but perfect for Rodeo Drive! Embrace your inner southern girl! Cowboy boots can be paired with anything from your favorite tee and skinny jeans to a cute day dress with a cardigan. They can dress up any look without looking like you are trying too hard!

Lazy Day- Turn your normal yoga pants and a t-shirt into a chic but comfortable lazy day look. You can keep the oversized shirt, but instead wear it with leggings, boots and bangles. This is a great blah-day outfit. You will feel comfortable but with these simple accessories and the right makeup, you'll still be fabulous.

Warm day weather- Try cuffing your favorite pair of straight legs or skinny jeans to create a crew cut or Capri style pant. Not only is it extremely easy but also you'll look like you just stepped out of a J. Crew magazine, which is never a bad thing! Pair with a cute blouse, tuck it in, and add a belt and flats. Top it all off with your favorite pair of sunglasses. This preppy chic look will catch people's eye as you walk around campus.

Shorts- Pull out your shorts ladies! If it's a warm day, wear them with a long-sleeved blousy top. This way if there is a breeze, you'll still be covered enough. Even if it is a little chilly outside the shorts will still work well. Add a pair of tights and boots and rock those shorts all day long! You'll be ready to go anywhere. It is tempting to run out and buy a new wardrobe every laundry day but lets face it, we are normal broke college students, not the Kardashian sisters who can afford to buy couture clothes on the daily. While it would be nice to live the celebrity life, next time you are at loss for what to wear, or feel like your look is starting to repeat, think about these quick tips and I promise you will end up looking adorable.

Celebrities everywhere have taken on the trend of adding a pair of tights to shorts in order to take them from a summer to fall look. Photo from myfashioncents.com

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been higher than that of women.

Daniel and Chris both admit that they got a little nervous before the wedding. Chris recalls the rare moments when he wondered if he and Jessie were just "stupid kids" rushing into marriage.

"I married when I did because I knew that I could never find a woman better than her and I also realized that she helped bring the best out in me. I would have been so stupid not to marry her. Why 'waste' time dating the woman I say with a smile, "my feet weren't even chilly."

Though marriage in college is unconventional, there are those couples that seem to make it work. The Jones's and the Meriwethers are a shining example that everyone can relate to the story line and situations. Also, Ashton Kutcher's character in the film doesn't always have his shirt on- which is always a plus. I give this a 5 out of 5 on the laugh scale, and a 4 out of 5 on the heartwarming scale.

Mary Beth and Daniel Jones. Photo courtesy of Mary Beth Jones.

No Strings Attached

"Life As We Know It"- This movie is perfect for you single ladies. You get to laugh and ugly cry, all in one movie! The premise of the film centers on a baby whose parents tragically died. The humor comes in when two people who seemly hate each other, are left in charge of the child. The trials and tribulations that come along with raising a child are heightened and hilarious in this movie, as the two adults have no idea what they are doing. Naturally, at the end of the film, the two fall in love and end up adopting the baby to parent together. I give this movie a 5 out of 5 on the laugh scale and a 4 out of 5 on the heartwarming scale.

Watch any of these movies and your Valentine's Day is sure to be full of constant laughter and the occasional "aww" at those heartwarming moments. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the day love!
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**P.R.I.D.E. adds diversity, open-mindedness to HPU**

By Chelesa Gastright
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"I think one of the most important things is that it really doesn’t matter what your identity is, or what you’re wearing, or what you’re doing, you will not be judged. It is a completely safe zone.

That is what Gissela Van, High Point University junior, had to say about People Representing Individuality, Diversity, and Equality, otherwise known as P.R.I.D.E, here at Campus.

P.R.I.D.E. is what people would call a Gay Straight Alliance, or a GSA. "It is not just for people thinking that P.R.I.D.E is just for the gay or a GSA. However, do not be fooled into thinking that P.R.I.D.E is just a safe place people can go..." said Jacqueline Anderson, HPU P.R.I.D.E. president. "We want to make a close knit group trying to better both High Point University and High Point community as a whole."

The underlying theme of P.R.I.D.E. has been a sense of security and family College is an important time to become comfortable in your own skin and that is something that P.R.I.D.E is proud to offer.

"P.R.I.D.E. has given me a place where I feel like I can talk about anything, whether it's P.R.I.D.E. related or personal," said Anderson men-

**High Point University continues to grow in its physical size, students also starting to take notice and changes to notices to change the classroom as well. New dorms are being built and renovations are being made to places like the bookstore and the Creeks.

Continuously growing student body, keeping things new, and fresh, and the improvements the university is making put me in charge of the department I am currently being offered through the PEC department is the women's self-defense course.

The class meets twice a week for 50 minutes and there are over 800 students taking extra PEC classes, but after the new additions there are over 800 High Point students currently enrolled.

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One student at HPU talked about how much she has been enjoying the ice-skating class after one week.

"I decided to take ice-skating because I've known how to skate for a long time and really enjoy it," said Alex Mills, HPU freshmen.

"I started looking at other schools for examples and once Dr. Carol Stendel put me in charge of the department I wanted to make the classes better, better than other schools have," said Overstreet.

Overstreet also raved about how after the new additions have made it into the course catalog, the number of students taking those classes has multiplied.

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Many students make excuses for why they cannot take a one-hour course here and there. However, there are certain PEC classes that are only offered once a week for two hours. For half the students involved, the only way they will get the experience is to take the class. This is worth it. I can’t wait to get home and show off what I’ll be learning!

Currently, the women’s self-defense class is a great opportunity.

"I think the fact that HPU is willing to recruit these teachers and offer these activities differentiates them from other universities."

Overstreet is very ecstatic about his pledge class was one that filled the new semester of 2013 when PanHellenic rush started and new girls to the over 600 High Point la-

### Alpha Chi Chi becomes official

By Rachael Smalley
Staff Writer

G reek row is proud to present a new addition to their fam-

ily! The Alpha Chi Omega society filled their first founding class this spring, adding 116 new girls to the over 600 High Point la-

**March 2013**

The Alpha Chi Omega chapter continues to represent their roots by promoting pride and power in women through their domestic violence awareness and philanthropy. They also re-

Above: The HPU national symbol of P.R.I.D.E. group displays this inter-gay pride on their Facebook page.
Organizations

FRATERNITY BID DAY 2012

By Rachel Smedley
Staff Writer

High Point University fraternity recruitment finished up on Jan. 28, ending a week of serious male bonding time.

The boys began rush week much the same as the ladies, starting on Monday night with meet and greets at every frat house. However, this is where many of the similarities between sorority and fraternity recruitment ended.

“I feel like it’s a whole lot more relaxed, with a lot less structure to it. It also gives you a little more freedom, like if you have an idea of what fraternity you might fit into,” said Davis Whitmere, a new Kappa Sigma pledge, about rush. “You have the opportunity to spend more time with that group of guys.”

The following four days provided flexibility in which houses the boys visited, allowing for as much time as they wanted to be spent with a particular fraternity.

On Thursday night, the house meetings became invite-only and then on Friday, the brothers hosted off-campus activities to really get to know their future members outside of the more formal atmosphere of recruitment.

Some fraternities went bowling, others went out to eat, but the overall goal was for the recruits to relax and get to see their future brothers in their natural element and how they interacted with each other. Finally, on Saturday, bid day arrived.

For anyone who witnessed the sorority bid day, the fraternity equivalent was much more relaxed. Void of any balloons or sorority chants, the gentlemen met in the Greek conference center, taking their seats in a large circle around the conference center.

This was made possible by the fact that while over five hundred girls rushed this spring, just over 200 males turned out for fraternity recruitment, allowing for a more private venue.

Beginning with the highest GPA fraternity, a representative stood in the center of the circle and called out the names of their selected potential new members, shaking their hand and giving them their certificate and t-shirt. They took their seats again in the circle until every name had been called. Once every recruit was proudly donning the name of their new fraternity, they were all ordered outside where they ran into the crowd of brothers waiting just outside. In a sort of frenzied celebration, the guys joined their frats, yelling and jumping up and down.

“I’m still only a pledge, but I can definitely see, with the experience that I’ve had with the guys so far, what they mean when they’re talking about brotherhood. It’s exactly like a family, there’s definitely a strong bond here.”

Over the next few weeks, as pledge classes from both sororities and fraternities settle in with their new sisters and brothers, this bond is only expected to grow and there are sure to be some great experiences to come for these new members and their Greek families.
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Sports

Talk of the Big South: Women’s hoops hot start breaks Division I record

By Jessica Strickler
News and Design Editor

The HPU women’s basketball team made it to 7-0 in the Big South last season. There were many reasons for this.

In the team, said Shamus Brown, of leading the Big South Conference, "But we still have a lot of games to play, so we can't get complacent." First head coach Jennifer Hoover attributes much of the team's success thus far to hard work, along with with conditioning with Teefy and his staff. Hoover, said, "We don't talk about how hard we have to work, we actually go out and work hard everyday and we talk about our goals everyday is to get better every time we step on the floor," Hoover said.

The Panthers practice an average of 14 hours per week on the court, in addition to at least two hours of strength and conditioning with Teefy and his staff. Hoover said, "You can't realize how important it is for athletes to get in good workouts outside of the gym because it is a constant battle." Hoover said, "They would all tell you they love [Teefy], and they would all tell you they hate him too," Hoover said, "We talk about nutrition and eating and we are on them all about it, but now, being first in the conference, it's all paid off and we're definitely more confident about the change and we love our coaches now." But the new coaches have higher standards, which has benefited the team in more ways than one.

"They expect more from us on the court, as well as off the court," Brown said, "In our classes, they hold us higher, they expect us to get good grades. They expect us to come out here everyday and practice and work hard and I feel like that's a big difference from last year."

Puckett, who redshirted during her freshman year, had surgery on her left foot last January and was just joining in mandated workouts up until the team returned to school in August. Now averaging 18.3 minutes of playing time, and 7.4 points per game, Puckett has become a major contributor to the court.

"I came out more focused, and I have more confidence now," Puckett said, "I'm just trying to find my role within the team and be the first scorer off the bench. I just want to do everything I can for the team." With seven games left in the regular season, and only two left to play in the Millis Center, the Panthers face a battle of playing on the road, but can take comfort in the knowledge that they have already beaten every team in the Big South Conference once this season.

"We talk a lot about being road warriors," Hoover said, "[On the road] we've got to go into hostile environments. We have to be hungry. We continue to push everyday to get better." To stay hungry, Hoover said, the team focuses only on the game in front of them. Instead of dwelling on records and who scored the most points, by the time they reach the locker room, the team is already ready to focus on the next game. For Coach Hoover, a proof of the growth and maturity level the team has had over the course of the season.

As for winning the conference, and a NCAA tournament berth, Hoover said it's not impossible.

"I wouldn't have taken the job if I didn't think we could do it. And I couldn't sit in a room and tell Shamus Brown, being my tons under, that we were going to try to win a championship in two years or in three years in four years. I feel like we could compete this year."

And while the team is playing better than they ever have before, they still have a lot of work to do before they can call themselves Big South Champions.

Big goals for Track & Field in prep for Big South Conference Tournament

By Joseph Weitzler
Sports Editor

The main focus of the men and women’s track team at High Point University has been the Big South Conference Championship, taking place on February 24 and 25 at Virginia Tech.

Every school in the Big South Conference competes in this event and HPU’s goal is to compete against its conference opponents.

"For the team, the concentration is on training hard to prepare for the upcoming championships," Head Coach Mike Esposito said.

Manitia Gamble, the Big South Indoor Track and Field Freshman of the Year in 2008-09, has focused on improving her performance this season, while sophomore Evan Emery looks to break the school’s 60-meter dash record.

Gamble currently leads the women’s 400 team, which is determined to place in the top four for the upcoming conference championship.

"If we don’t run the 4 by 400 before the Indoor championships, we will have to start in the slower heat," Gamble said, "That makes it tougher to place into the faster heat for the Championships."

Emery, an all-Big South sprinter a year ago, ran a school best 22.1, second 200-meter dash at the Virginia Tech Indoor. Emery is looking to break another school record this season. When asked about his expectations for the rest of the season, Emery said, "I anticipate breaking the school’s 60-meter dash record." "While I look to improve on my 200 time, I’m very focused on breaking the 60 record." Emery said.

Head coach Mike Esposito anticipates big things from his team this season, expecting both the men and the women to place in the top three at the conference championships, just three weeks away.

Thus far, Esposito has been very impressed with the men and women sprinters, hurdlers, and middle distance freshman.

"With the distance runners coming around after finishing second in the cross country championship, we feel confident of our runners, especially our girls at the indoor championships," he said.

While the members of the men and women’s teams are working hard on the track, they are working equally as hard, off of, Gamble said that the team’s goals for the season are to not only be in the top three in the conference, but also to have a 3.0 team GPA.

For the track and Field team has exceeded that. Track and Field will have its work cut for them if it wants to achieve its season goals. Gamble said if they keep up the hard work and dedication to getting better everyday, the teams would be a big factor at the upcoming Big South Conference Championship.

Athletics seeing upgrades, but more changes are necessary

By Nick Sturdivant
Staff Writer

Within the past seven years the campus of High Point University has seen some type of significant upgrade. The Steele Sports Center was opened in 2007, which includes locker rooms, study areas, offices, and a weight room. It has benefited all teams on campus.

Rob Aycock, Associate Athletic Director for External Relations, specifically mentioned that the school added on to Steele, a women’s lacrosse locker room, along with a wing in Steele for the men’s soccer team.

The biggest changes were the redesignation of the Vert Stadium in which the athletic department added turf to the field, and over 1,000,000 stadium seats. Additional, major renovations were done to Willard Stadium, formally known as Fish Field. The stadium now models a minor league baseball stadium.

Growing up in High Point all of my life, I’ve seen a lot of these changes, but it’s only happened, Vert Stadium was nothing but a reminiscence of a football stadium when William Penn High School played its home games. The track was torn to pieces, half of it was there and the other half was missing.

Athletic facilities here at HPU have come a long way, but there is still work to be done.

First, the Millis Center’s seating capacity seems to be too small for the type of games the school wants to host. For instance, the Dec. 7 men’s basketball game against Wake Forest was a challenge for HPU to host. Seating was first come, first serve. From a fan perspective it was not ideal. Not only was the seating for the Wake game, but for any other big time conference game.

Second, with the recent addition to two new lacrosse programs, there needs to be a home for the teams.

"Obviously we need to have a lacrosse building — if you look around campus men’s lacrosse needs a home, the women already have a locker room, but the men will need one when they compete," Aycock said.

Only time will tell if these eventual upgrades will come into fruition, but the changes are not that far off to continue the unprecedented growth at HPU.
**Projected Starting Line-up**

1. Willie Medina, SS, Jr.  
2. Sean Wilson, CF, R-Jr.  
3. Ryan Retz, RF, Jr.  
4. Bai Pezzino, DH, Sr.  
5. Ryne Rush, 3B, Flr.  
6. Spencer Angelis, Catcher, Fr.  
7. Zach Tessler, 1B, Jr.  
8. Devin Bujnovsky, LF, Jr.  
10. Jaime Shultz, R-So.

**Projected Pitching rotation**

Midweek- Jared Avidon, Jr.  
Midweek- Zach Halle, R-So.  
Midweek- Ryan Retz, Jr.  
Friday- Malcolm Clapsaddle, Jr.  
Saturday- Jacob Newberry, Jr.  
Sunday- Matt Armstrong, Jr.  
Middle relief- Joe Goodman, Fr.  
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Morning- Jaime Shultz, R-So.  
Castleton, N.Y.

**Meet the Coaching Staff**

Head Coach  
Craig Cozart, fourth season  
Central Florida, '96

Associate Head Coach  
Bryan Peters, fourth season  
South Florida, '97

Assistant Coach  
Rich Wallace, fourth season  
Central Florida, '04

Volunteer Assistant  
Jami Serber, second season  
High Point, '11

Athletic Trainer  
Tyler DePew

**Panther Baseball 2012**

New names, new faces, and a fresh beginning.

Team of 35 guys took the field on Jan. 28 for the first official day of full practice, something 25 of them didn’t do a year ago.

There’s a lot to be decided in the next couple of weeks of practice, that’s for sure,” said Cozart, who is entering his fourth season with HPU.

The Panthers will look to put aside a injury-filled, 24-32 overall season from last year, and improve on its first round loss in the Big South Conference tournament.

Perhaps 21 new players from the most recruiting class will bring them better luck this season and get the Panthers to where they were a year ago.

“We have yet to establish ourselves as a program, we want to be in that conversation of elite teams in the Big South,” Cozart said. “This season I feel that we can do that with a whole new set of guys.”

The Panthers graduated eight key players last May, including two players that were selected in Major League Baseball’s first year player draft. Catcher Kyle Maberry signed with the Los Angeles Angels, and pitcher Cody Allen went to the Cleveland Indians. But with the addition in two junior college All-Americans pitchers, in Jon Carlson and Malcolm Clapsaddle, the loss of last season’s studs may have minimal impact.

The best thing about our team this year is our depth, and that’s something we didn’t really have last year because of injuries; it’s going to be a great advantage because of all the pitching we have,” Cozart said.

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“The league has elevated this season, it’s becoming one of those elite baseball conferences, many improved arms with strong rotations is what we are up against this season,” Cozart said of the Big South.

The Panthers were projected to finish eighth in the Big South preseason polls that came out Jan. 24, a projection that Cozart and his players find to be an unfair assessment as a team.

“A lot of teams are going to be surprised when they come to play us,” Clapsaddle said. “It’s an unfair assessment for our team and if they were out here watching our practices they would think otherwise.”

Offensively, HPU will put a totally transformed lineup on the field with only three returning starters. Ryan Retz, right-fielder, Zach Tessler, first-baseman/catcher, and Pezzino will be the strong returning bats in the lineup.

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