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New curriculum effective fall 2010

By Pam Haynes and Mike Nuckles
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The High Point University faculty voted on Jan. 22 to change the university's three hour curriculum to a four hour curriculum that will be put into effect in the fall of 2010.

The new curriculum will be phased in and will only apply to entering freshmen in 2010. Students who have

begun the three hour curriculum will not be affected.

The curriculum includes switching from three-credit-hour classes to four-credit-hour classes, resulting in students taking less classes but receiving more "breadth and depth" in their education, according to Dr. Dennis Carroll, vice president of Academic Affairs.

A freshmen seminar will be put into place requiring new students to take a 4-credit-hour seminar of their

choice.

"A large number of our students come in as undecided [majors]," said Carroll. "We wanted to give students the opportunity to explore and for faculty to go more in depth."

A "May semester" will also be put into place. A current system is in place that allows students to study overseas or throughout the United States in May, but the new semester would greatly increase these opportunities. In addition to these

traveling options, other options such as independent study, internships, and collaborative learning would be available to students.

The final piece of the system overhaul is the reinvention of all majors. Every major will be redesigned to fit the new curriculum and to offer students a more "modernized" education, Carroll said.

A potential drawback of

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Student attends inauguration

By Jessalin Graham
Staff Writer

Over one million people attended the inauguration for 44th President of the United States Barack Obama. Duwane Rager, junior, was one of them.

"It was just one of the most interesting experiences of my life," Rager said. "To be around a crowd so large, everyone was so happy to be there. It was pretty amazing."

After becoming an Obama fan more than a year ago and working on his campaign, Rager was determined to attend the inauguration.

"My time and effort in the campaign made me appreciate it (the inauguration)," he said. "It was my main motivation for going."

Rager's hometown is 45 minutes away from Washington, D.C. which made it easier for him to be able to attend, though he said he would

have gone no matter what. Living in the area also allowed him to attend extra events in addition to the



Duwane Rager

inauguration, and he got the opportunity to share the event with his family. They went to Obama's speech in Baltimore the Saturday before the inauguration. On Sunday, Rager attended the Inaugural Concert at

the Lincoln Memorial with his sister.

"The most memorable part about the concert and speeches was Garth Brooks," Rager recalls. "He performed three very uplifting songs and got everyone really going. It was amazing to be at the same place at the same time as all of these famous people and all these other people."

His grandfather attended the inauguration with him, and Rager says



Duwane Rager, a junior who attended the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C., snapped this photo as he stood in a crowd of over one million people.

that it was "amazing" to share the experience with someone two generations away.

Rager is familiar with the way that downtown D.C. normally looks, and he noticed that it looked vastly different on Inauguration Day.

"The day started for a lot of

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HPU asked to buy Oak Hollow Mall

By Bryan Rothamel
Organizations Editor

High Point University's administration has been approached about purchasing Oak Hollow Mall.

"We have been approached [to buy the mall]. As any sensible and reasonable leadership team should do, we are investigating what that all means," university president Nido Qubein said. He continued to reiterate university officials did not initiate the talks.

Rumors around the mall speculate the university has bought the mall and will demolish it to build a football stadium. Two store managers stated they have heard the rumor although mall officials do not confirm any transactions have taken place.

Qubein stated, "[University

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On the Run: What's new

International Club hosts Gaza Awareness Week Feb. 16-20

The International Club will host a Gaza Awareness Week on Feb. 16-20 to discuss the dispute between Gaza and Hamas.

The week includes a showing of a documentary about Gaza, a discussion of the war, a poetry night, and a vigil and night of prayer held for victims of the war.

HPU and GCS unite for educational program

Maurice Green, superintendent of Guilford County Schools, recently announced an educational partnership between HPU and GCS.

The announcement states that the university and GCS will collaborate on "innovative programs and services" for students in the GCS system.

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Let's shift our focus to academics

Staff Editorial

It is a simple fact a university exists in order to educate a student body. Granted, a residential college must house its students, and any physical institution must maintain a presentable, functional campus, but each student at High Point is here to learn lessons to prepare for careers.

High Point University clearly meets these needs. It also has many unique characteristics that give it its own persona. Students can get wake-up calls, go on basketball road trips, watch free concerts of renowned artists, and live in residence halls that have flat-panel televisions, high-tech computer labs, and restaurants.

But how much is too much? To what extent does this University need to build, expand, and improve in order to finally satisfy its expectations? We believe the changes made in the past few years have set High Point University out from the crowd, but administrators should be careful about not putting the "experience" before the "education."

Roger Clodfelter, HPU's Director of WOW, says the wow concept is meant to be a supplement to academics in the entire student experience. He says the school's improvement in retention rate is evidence that students are happier in

their time at High Point, resulting in more students sticking around to get their High Point education.

"The concept is that students get an entire extraordinary, holistic learning experience. Things like the Chef's Table expose students to opportunities that they may have never been around before," Clodfelter said. "We are approaching this in the best way we know how. More money is spent

"It would benefit the school much more to have a smaller, more intelligent student body, instead of a higher enrollment. The focus should be on quality, not quantity."

on academics than anywhere else in the University. We are also looking to add 100 positions before August, including many faculty members."

Academics at High Point have also seen upgrades in recent years. For instance, the faculty approved a new curriculum just last week that we hope will make courses more rigorous. Our big concern, though, is that these good

signs might be overshadowed by the superficial aspects of campus life at High Point.

The first step that must be taken is to work even harder on improving courses' rigor. Students need to learn a lot of material, and they need to be held accountable for that material. It has been our experience that grade inflation has been quite apparent at High Point. Increasing the amount covered in classes and increasing the amount of assignments would help in that way.

Next, the ways in which we treat our faculty must be improved. Professors should be compensated better, and less adjuncts and part-time professors should be hired. Occasionally, adjuncts are good additions to campus, but more times than not, the less credentialed teachers make worse teachers.

Finally, admissions should be focusing on raising standards of admission, not on admitting more students. It would benefit the school much more to have a smaller, more intelligent student body, instead of a higher enrollment. The focus should be on quality, not quantity.

Now that our university is on the map for the "WOW" factor, administrators should shift their focus to promoting academics as a means to recruit and keep successful students.

Closing Guantanamo Bay was the right decision

By **Katie Nelson**
Opinion Editor

This is truly a time of change. The United States has just inaugurated its first African-American president, and he's not wasting any time working toward the change he has promised. President Obama has declared that he will close the Guantanamo Bay detention center and has already begun the process to do so. On Jan. 20, Obama's administration ordered a suspension of ongoing trials for detainees in Guantanamo Bay. This way Obama's administration can begin evaluating who needs to be released and who needs to go to trial and where.

I am quite pleased that Obama has chosen to make this a priority. The United States' use of Guantanamo Bay has been a poor choice on our part and has damaged us greatly. The U.S. is the "land of the free" that offers "liberty and justice for all." How can we claim this when we are holding people in a military base without a trial or, in some cases, probable cause?

The detainees at Guantanamo Bay, also known as Gitmo, are termed as "unlawful combatants." This means they are civilians who engage in

armed conflict and therefore can be held and prosecuted. The problem is that we are not prosecuting them. We are just holding them in a detention center that seems more like a prison camp than anything else. This action is totally against what we stand for as Americans. Due process of the law is written into our Constitution and is one of the basic foundations of our system of government. It is extremely hypocritical to hold men without trial and pretend it isn't happening. If these men are truly guilty, they need to be tried in front of a jury and sent off to prison. If they are innocent, we are obligated to release them. The U.S. is one of the most powerful countries in the world. If we show that we are willing to practice these actions, it sends a message to other countries and fuels their hatred for us. If we torture, they will most certainly torture.

This brings up another issue related to Gitmo - are we torturing the detainees? The definition of torture is to inflict severe pain on the body or mind. The government has declared that they do not define water boarding or simulated drowning as torture. During water boarding, one's body experiences the same involuntary reactions that it would if

one were actually drowning. This would definitely cause pain to the mind and the body.

Amnesty International did a tour of the U.S. with a model of a Gitmo cell. I had the opportunity to go inside of it and look around. The cell is an extremely tiny room which contains a cot and toilet. There are speakers hooked up to the room so that the people in charge of the facility can deprive the men of sleep when they see fit. Also the room temperature can be modified so that the detainee can experience freezing or scalding hot temperatures.

Regardless of whether or not you believe that sleep deprivation is torture or not, it is important to know that these techniques may not be effective. A book recently written by Matthew Alexander, called "How to Break a Terrorist," describes how he used respect and humor to get information out of some of the most dangerous men in the world. Instead of head-slapping, he understood who the detainees were and used that to get information out of them. This is how we need to approach matters of interrogation. Hopefully, President Obama will see it this way too.

The election of Obama could unite races

By **Latasha Sessoms**
Staff Writer

The U.S. is known for making history, and on Nov. 4 we made history yet again. Barack Obama, an African American, was elected 44th President of the United States.

Now that we have our first black President does this mean changes in race issues will occur? I sure hope so.

After the election, I called my mother to tell her who won. She didn't believe me, so she turned on the TV to see for herself and started crying. I asked, "Ma, why are you crying?" She replied, "I grew up during segregation, a time where decisions were made based on your race." My mother didn't go to school with whites until she was in high school. During that time, blacks weren't able to use the same

bathrooms, or drink out of the same water fountains as whites. Blacks also had to sit in the back of the bus.

I've personally witnessed racial issues, but I can't even begin to compare my life to the life that my mother lived during segregation. In my opinion, racism will never stop. But, compared to the past, racism has declined over the years, tremendously.

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Global warming is turning our planet to liquid

By **Dianna Bell**
Staff Writer

Temperatures increasing, glaciers melting, sea levels rising—these are some of the realities of global warming.

Many doubt the existence of global warming. They assume that the rising average temperatures are a normal occurrence on Earth. This is not the case.

The Environmental Defense Fund has found that since 1880 average temperatures have climbed 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit. By the year 2100, Time For Change estimates the temperature of Earth will have risen 3.4 to 4.1 degrees Fahrenheit. This may not sound drastic, but when thinking of

areas in which land ice is a fixture in the environment, it is fatal for everyone. With the melting of ice, sea levels will rise. Our beaches will diminish and those cities that are below sea level will find themselves suffering the same fate as Atlantis.

The rising temperatures create other hazards as well. Diseases, such as malaria, that have been extinguished are beginning to return. The ferocity of Mother Nature is increasing. Hurricane Katrina and the tsunami that hit the east are just some of the most recent weather extremities. The extinction of many species of animals can be seen across the globe. We have all seen the commercials of the polar bears stranded amongst their melting homes. One only has to watch the news to see the destruction that is occurring.

What is the cause of this worldwide devastation? Greenhouse gases. The major forms of these gases are water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, and ozone. Some may argue that these occur naturally, and while this is true, humans have increased the production greatly. Carbon dioxide, for instance, is released by volcanoes and animals into the atmosphere; however, it is also removed at a nearly identical rate. With the increased burning of fossil fuels, this is impossible. The amount is much larger than the atmosphere can handle, causing a build-up which can not be removed. The more greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, the more long-wave, radiant energy is trapped in our atmosphere.

Normally, sunlight is radiated

back out into space after hitting the earth. With higher amounts of greenhouse gases, the more sunlight is absorbed, creating the higher temperatures and disaster that are slowly plaguing the earth.

For those nay-sayers who do not believe that the earth is slowly warming and turning into a ball of liquid—beware. In 2100, the Environmental Defense Fund predicts that sea levels will have risen by 82 feet. Start gearing up now, because unless drastic measures are taken, we will all be swimming with the fish, or what is left of them.



changes the landscape. Hmmm. While I, like many, do not believe in the global warming effect being caused directly by humans, I admit I do not like the idea of a high of 842.

Global warming, climate change, greenhouse effect, whatever you call it, is not a matter of belief. The question is, "Do you want to be like Venus or not?"

I support any effort to eliminate gasses entering our atmosphere not because I'm confident in global warming but that I'm afraid of being wrong. Can we nonbelievers afford to be wrong? That's not a question I want my offspring to answer for me...

Global warming occurs naturally

By **Bryan A. Rothamel**
Organizations Editor

Global warming, that evil term we hear our political candidates throw out there to scare us from voting for their opponents. Our planet is as alive as we are. Just like you get hot and cold from time to time, so does Earth. Is there a climate change? Yes, in fact. Is there global warming? That's a complex question resulting in a complex answer.

The Environmental Protection Agency, a trustworthy government agency I hope, calls "global warming" what it really is, climate change. In the last 2,000 years there has been drastic climate changes. Between 900 and 1300, Europe, Greenland and Asia experienced relative warmth according to the EPA website. The American West experienced dry conditions at this time as well.

Between 1500 and 1850 our planet went through a period known as the "Little Ice Age." It was little because large sheets of ice didn't develop like during the actual Ice Age. The average temperatures were as far as 2 degrees colder than present day but that varied by location.

The EPA admits, as do I, the world has changed in the last 100 years. Are we to blame? Partially. Is it a natural phase of the Earth? Partially.

As of 2006, we are almost .6 degrees higher than the mean temperature between 1880 and 2006. Land temperatures are warmer than ocean temperatures. It could be because those pesky "greenhouse gasses" are slightly increasing the natural rise in Earth's temperature.

I still do not believe we are as responsible as certain politicians portray. The one thing I know is I better not be wrong. Let's say I'm

wrong and we are speeding up Earth's global warming rate. We are in trouble then.

If this global warming is because we are making our atmosphere denser then we can turn out like Venus. Venus' atmosphere is 93 times the mass of Earth's. The pressure at the planet's surface is 92 times higher. That would be the equivalent of being one kilometer under Earth's oceans! Talk about feeling the pressure.

Scientists believe Venus was actually like Earth at one time with beautiful water and land. Maybe it was even able to support life. Then the greenhouse effect from its dense atmosphere created the planet to warm like Uggs boots around your feet; that's what women tell me at least. The temperature on Venus' surface is a mild 842 degrees Fahrenheit.

The surface literally consumes itself. It becomes lava and completely

Dr. Qubein: Three ways to 'learn by doing'

By **Dr. Nido Qubein**

We learn by doing.

Think about the basic skills you've acquired in life. You learned to walk by pulling yourself up, turning loose and taking a step. You fell the first time, but you got up and tried again. Each time you did it a little better than the time before. You were learning by doing.

Somebody may have told you how to tie your shoes, but you didn't really learn it until you had tried it yourself. You made mistakes at first, but eventually your fingers learned to do the task subconsciously.

You learned to ride a bicycle by getting on and riding it. You learned to drive a car by taking one out on the highway with an experienced teacher

who could give you instructions and point out your mistakes as you drove.

With each endeavor, you started as a novice, and you learned proficiency from the mistakes you made.

It's that way in any undertaking.

When you begin taking action toward your goals, you will make mistakes. Don't worry about it. Everybody makes them. Successful people learn from theirs. They know the difference between a productive failure and a non-productive success.

In a productive failure, you don't achieve your objective, but you come away with new knowledge and understanding that will increase your chances of success on the next try. A non-productive success occurs when

you achieve your objective, but you're not sure what it was you did right. You can build on productive success.

The more actions you take, the more productive failures you'll experience. The more productive failures you experience, the more you'll learn. Thomas Edison experienced 1,100 productive failures before he found the right filament for his incandescent lamp.

To turn your mistakes into learning opportunities, follow these suggestions:

1) Have measurable goals - You won't know whether you're moving toward your goals unless you have some way of measuring the motion. That's why your goals should be specific.

2) Acquire a learning mentality - You must become better tomorrow than you are today just to stay even. Develop an attitude towards life-long learning.

(3) Seek positive and negative feedback - Encourage those you trust to give you both legitimate criticism and earned recognition.

The greatest enemy of your creative powers is smug complacency - being satisfied with less than what you are capable of doing.

Make a strong and permanent commitment to invest your life and talents only in those pursuits that deserve your best efforts. Then, act on your ideas, because we learn by doing.

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Blacks and whites now go to school together, use the same bathrooms, drink from the same water fountains and sit together on the bus. That in itself is change.

Inauguration day was definitely a day that showed change in the U.S. People from all over the country traveled up and down the highways, some in inclement weather, to celebrate change in the US. The inauguration of

Barack Obama has, hopefully, shown that race will not always be a problem. The event consisted of blacks and whites gathering together to welcome the new President into office. Even former President Bush, a caucasian, welcomed Obama showing that blacks and whites can get along and come together in any given situation.

The late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "I have a dream that

one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal..." Dr. King's dream is beginning to unfold with an African American President; it shows that blacks and whites are created equal by the Creator, who doesn't discriminate against the children He loves.

This election also shows that each individual should have the same

opportunity as the next person. I don't think racism will ever stop, but I believe since our President is an African American, things will begin to come together within the next four years and that Caucasians, African Americans, and all races will begin to appreciate one another, love one another and unite.

After all, this is the United States of America.

EPs with enough to get you hooked

By Jen Paolino
Staff Writer

Sometimes it's about quality, not quantity. EPs are albums too, and they deserve just as much love as any full-length record. So show some support for these five awesome bands that are just getting their foot in the musical door. Trust me, you won't be sorry.

Band Name: Mercy Mercedes
Album Title: *1.21 Gigawatts* – EP
Who They Sound Like: If you were to mesh the vocal style

of Cartel and the electro-pop sound of Hellogoodbye, you'll get a pretty good idea of what all six of the songs off their poppy, upbeat EP will sound like.

Why You Should Listen: Other than the fact that these guys are a local Greensboro band who has managed to share the stage with big names such as Taking Back Sunday and Jonas Sees in Color,



their music is also happy. Their melodic hooks and catchy lyrics will force you to put a smile on your face every single time.

Band Name: The Summer Set
Album Title: *...In Color* – EP
Who They Sound Like: Lead singer Brian Dales earnest lyrics and passionate vocals will hit pretty close to home for anyone who is a fan of Bryce Avery and his band, The Rocket Summer.
Why You Should Listen: They pumped out an indie/

powerpop version of Usher's "Love In This Club" and they have a chick drummer. Do I really need to give you another reason?

Band Name: Death In The Park
Album Title: *Death In The Park* – EP
Who They Sound Like: What does post-grunge emo-rock

band Hot Rot Circuit have in common with alterno-pop band Death In The

Park? Lead singer Andy Jackson.

Why You Should Listen: For fans of Hot Rot Circuit who have hung up their flannel shirts and decided that maybe there is a silver lining after all, Death In The Park's self-titled EP will give you exactly what you're looking for. Plus, their song *Fallen*



features guest vocals from the always spunky Hayley Williams, lead singer of Paramore.

Band Name: VersaEmerge
Album Title: *Perceptions*
Who They Sound Like: A soft-core, more melodic version of A Skylit Drive. Only, in this band, the lead singer is actually a girl... and doesn't just sound like one.

Why You Should Listen: If you're looking for intricate guitar riffs backing super meaningful lyrics,

VersaEmerge gives you that and a lot more. Completely disregarding the notion that female-fronted bands are synonymous with cheerful music, these guys, and girl, manage to bring a darker, more intense sound to a world otherwise flooded with pop music.

Band Name: Take Cover
Album Title: *Take Cover* – EP
Who They Sound Like: Fans of We the Kings and Motion City Soundtrack will eat up all five songs of pop-rock goodness off their self-titled EP.
Why You Should Listen: Music doesn't always have to be complicated; these guys churn out songs that are fun to

listen to, and don't have to be deconstructed to understand. If you're looking for something to turn on that overworks your brain, songs like "One More Shot" and "Lady Love" should definitely be at the top of your playlist.



Inauguration fails in some areas, succeeds in others

By Jessalin Graham
Staff Writer

Excitement and energy from the inauguration seemed to transfer through the television to the worldwide viewing audience. Anticipation began building months prior to this historic event; even a special Spider Man comic book was produced about Inauguration Day. After all of this hype, a little let down was to be expected, especially since way over \$140 million was spent on the inauguration during a time when Americans and American businesses are struggling financially and many are depending on Congress to bail them out.

Not to say that there were not good aspects of the event because there certainly were. It just failed to meet expectations since Obama has gone all out at events in the past, such as the Styrofoam columns he included as a backdrop for his speech and using Denver's Pepsi Center as the location for the Democratic National Convention.

Instead, the Inauguration Ceremony festivities seemed mostly simple and classic, opening with the United States Marine Band and closing with the United States Navy Band. However, there were aspects in between the opening and closing that could have been better. Aretha Franklin's rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" started off strong but seemed to lose steam in the middle and was somewhat inaudible at times. But, she redeemed herself with a powerful ending. The large bow on her hat certainly captured a great deal of attention, and replicas of this coveted accessory are selling for \$179.

The benediction by Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Lowery stood out as

well when he rhymed about different races saying, "Let us work for that day when black will not be asked to get back, when brown will not be asked to get down, when yellow will be mellow, when the red man will get ahead man, and when white will embrace what is right." This seemed to be a strange request since a pretty overwhelming majority of Americans just elected a multicultural president. Our country

right." It should definitely not matter what race you are; everyone should strive to embrace what is right and work towards that daily. The benediction should not have been so blatantly race-driven, but focused on welcoming the new president into office and blessing his years as the new leader.

Of course, there were more positive aspects of the event, specifically Obama's uplifting speech

highlight of the inauguration itself. He also acknowledged his appreciation to former President George W. Bush for the congenial welcome and peaceful transfer of power.

We also cannot forget to mention the Inaugural Balls that lasted into the early hours of the following morning. The new president and first lady attended 10 official Inaugural Balls including The Neighborhood Ball which included guests from the community as well as celebrities, the Home States Balls, the Commander-in-Chief Ball made up of military guests, the Youth Ball and, in case they felt left out, Inaugural Balls for the rest of the map including The Mid-Western, Eastern, Southern and Mid-Atlantic Balls.

Of all the Inaugural Balls, the Youth Ball was the most important since the youth became an integral part of this election. More youth than ever got involved in politics, many for the first time, and it was a great way for Obama to reach out to the youth once again and show them that their hard work paid off.

Last but not least, the first lady should be commended on selecting an elegant textured floor length gown adorned with Swarovski crystals and ruffles designed by a young designer, the 26-year-old Jason Wu, instead of choosing from designers who have been in business for years. Not only did she make a good choice in a designer, she selected a dress that shows off her unique style and one that was perfect for the occasion without going overboard.

There were a combination of positives and negatives in the inaugural festivities. It will certainly remain a memorable historic event for many years in the future.



President Obama takes the Oath of Office at the Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 20. CNN.com

has traveled such a long way and has overcome racial differences to get to this point. It sounds out of place for the minister to acknowledge during his blessing of our new president that individuals of different races are not being treated fairly in America. Of all these statements, which all seem a little offensive, the most startling remark was when he said we should be working for a day when "white will embrace what is

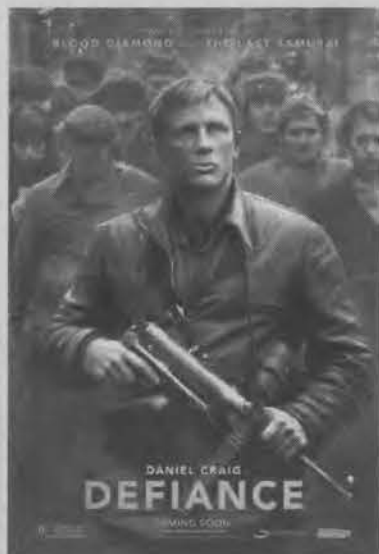
after taking the Oath of Office. This speech seemed to motivate the nation and unite it for the common cause of improving the country. He was able to be straightforward about the conditions of the country without arrogantly placing blame. This helped his speech successfully edify the nation as a whole instead. As a result of this technique, in conjunction with his captivating phrases, this speech was by far the

Box office war between two WWII movies

By Jessalin Graham
Staff Writer

Director Bryan Singer's "Valkyrie" debuted Christmas Day, and "Defiance," directed by Edward Zwick, was released on Jan. 16. These films resulted in two World War II tales in theatres simultaneously. Even though these films are about World War II, however, they are dramatically different while retaining a few important similarities.

"Valkyrie" focuses on a group of soldiers in Hitler's army who devise a plan to assassinate him and take over the government after they realize the corruption and inhumanity that has overtaken the establishment is not what they are fighting for. They decide they want to prevent Hitler from taking more innocent lives. Valkyrie was the title of Hitler's back up plan to continue the war in case something happened to him. The main character, Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg played by Tom Cruise, was brave enough to edit the plan. Hitler signed the new plan, which was actually Stauffenberg's plan, into action without knowing that the plan had been changed. Stauffenberg's idea was to take an explosive into a war briefing attended by Hitler, leave



before it was detonated and shut down the lines of communication. This plan seemed ingenious, but the film hints to failure early on. After Stauffenberg explains his plan, another character says, "Remember, this is a military operation. Nothing ever goes according to plan." Just before the explosive is about to go off in the war briefing, one of the characters slams his fist on the table and loudly announces, "It will be a catastrophe." To find out how the plan really turns out, you have to see the film.

On the other hand, "Defiance" is told from the viewpoint of Jewish people who are trying to survive after being captured by the German Army. The main character in this film is Daniel Craig who plays Tuvia Bielski, a Jewish man who sets up a community in the forest of Belorussia with his three remaining brothers after his parents are killed by the Germans. Tuvia brings hundreds of people to live in his forest camp and even rescues a large number of Jews from a German controlled ghetto without being discovered. The audience follows the progression of war from updates of new people who join the forest community from the latest invasion of the German Army. The

audience also gets a look into the lives of a secret community that lived deep in the woods for many years while fighting off German invasions. Relatively early in the film, conflict occurs from within the camp when Tuvia and his brother Zus begin to compete for power. Zus leaves the forest camp to join the Red Army to fight the Germans. The audience has to wait until the end of the film to find out whether or not the brothers reconcile.

Unlike "Valkyrie" which built up energy and anticipation in many scenes that kept the audience captivated and anxious, "Defiance" was more of a journey of survival about how long these people were going to successfully hide from the Germans.

"Valkyrie" began in late 1944 and went until the end of the war. Stauffenberg's plan was executed only a short nine months before Hitler committed suicide. "Defiance" began in 1941 which covered a much longer time period. I kept hoping that the Jewish people would be rescued, but I had to remind myself that this was near the beginning of the war before other nations were involved. This created anticipation, and I questioned

many times how they were going to survive so long without being caught.

"Valkyrie" also lacked many German accents. Most of the actors kept American accents unlike "Defiance" which had correct accents and languages, even using subtitles at times. "Defiance" is also slightly longer lasting 137 minutes while "Valkyrie" was 120 minutes.

These films had similarities as well such as popular actors used for the main characters in both of these films, allowing each a more equal chance of attracting moviegoers. Most importantly these films were based on true stories. What happened to the actors was a close depiction of what really happened to the real life people. It is important for the audience to remember this as they watch so they will take the films more seriously and, in turn, appreciate them more.

As for which film is best, these movies cannot compete with each other in this area. They are both intense masterpieces about real people who humbly dedicated their lives to make a difference in a time of horror. Since the two films collectively explore such a wide range of content from different angles, it is important for movie-goers to view both "Valkyrie" and "Defiance" to have a clearer understanding of what people went through during World War II.



Best video games of 2008

By Jesse Cherry
Staff Writer

Top Video Games of 2008

4. Super Smash Bros. Brawl (Wii)

With the Wii targeting itself towards the casual crowd, "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" can please both the video game addict and the mom trying to spend some quality time with her angst-ridden college student. The game includes Mario, Luigi, Donkey Kong, and hundreds of other Nintendo mascots. It isn't subtle about using nostalgia, but taking Mario and having him beat Pikachu senseless is a special joy that is hard to find elsewhere. Grab four friends and work out those frustrations with a monkey and a plumber instead of each other's fists.

3. Burnout Paradise (Xbox 360, PS3, PC, \$30)

"Burnout Paradise" is an orchestra of blurring speeds, thrilling racing, and tantalizing crashes. The shattering of a windshield and the crunch of metal has never brought such pleasure to

the senses. "Burnout Paradise" is the "Grand Theft Auto" of racing games.

From the start, a giant city and hundreds of races and events are available without a single loading screen. Where "Burnout Paradise" sets itself apart from most games last year is in its online play. With just a tap of a button, other players will seamlessly populate your city - no loading, no waiting. Its \$30 price tag and near endless content makes it one of the best deals out there.

2. The World Ends With You (DS, \$30) "The World Ends With You" is the first game I have played on the Nintendo DS that could not have been done on any other system. On the bottom screen, you'll tap, swipe, and slash your way through waves of enemies, while you use your thumb to rhythmically press the four face buttons to control your second character on the top screen. All the action takes place simultaneously. It can seem overwhelming at first, but with practice comes the satisfaction of being able to multitask and control both characters at the same time. The excellent combat is coated with a

Japanese graffiti art style that pleases the eyes and J-pop that pleases the ears. The story is wordy and often melodramatic in delivery, but even with my tastes lying elsewhere, I found the game charming and the combat one of the most unique and entertaining games I played last year.

1. Little Big Planet (PS3, \$60)

"Little Big Planet" is a unique game in that every person I have handed a controller to, including myself, has always managed a smile. "Little Big Planet" is the start of social gaming. With a friendly interface built around community made content, it's the Facebook of video games. On the most basic level, it controls like "Super Mario Bros.," but the creativity in the design sets it apart from anything I have experienced in years.

Every week, I turn on "Little Big Planet" only to find dozens of new levels to explore, and not once have I left unhappy.



Top Videogames of 2008

1. Little Big Planet
2. The World Ends With You
3. Burnout Paradise
4. Super Smash

Honorable Mentions

- Left 4 Dead
- Gears of War 2
- Metal Gear Solid 4
- Valkyrie Chronicles
- Braid
- Mirror's Edge

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officials] have made no commitments. We do not believe we have any interest."

One of the store managers said CBL, owner of Oak Hollow Mall, does not renew leases for longer than a month-to-month basis although other reports are stores have signed five-year leases recently. The store managers have asked to remain anonymous.

On Topix.com, anonymous persons have stated the mall would close in January 2009 although earlier the site's users said it would close before the end of the 2008 calendar year. The mall was still open on Jan. 29. Users on another website, Yahoo! Answers, hypothesize the mall has been bought by the university.

High Point University has not had a football team since 1954. In order to start a team the athletic department would have to follow federal guidelines set forth in Title IX, Education Acts of 1972. The university has not announced the addition of a football team.

HPU currently funds seven male varsity sports and seven female varsity sports. Women's lacrosse has been added and will begin competition during the 2010-11 season.



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HPU Radio begins broadcast in February

By Abby Wood
Staff Writer

The Nido Qubein School of Communication will launch HPU Radio, High Point University's first official on-line radio station operated by students at www.hpuradio.com, on Feb. 2 at 4 p.m.

The station will be advised by Dr. Wilfred Tremblay while senior Bryan Rothamel will serve as station manager and senior Sara Vitale will serve as marketing manager.

The station's official slogan is, "The Sound."

"We think listeners will find that HPUR will live up to its slogan, 'The Sound,'" said Rothamel. "What you hear on the radio should represent the student body. We play what we listen to and what you listen to."

In the beginning stages, the station will provide music, a sports talk show, upcoming event announcements and public service announcements.

Music will include anything that students listen to, ranging from pop, hip/hop, rock, country, independent and alternative.

"We have a little of everything. A few DJs enjoy hip-hop while a few like the indie sound; some like pop while others like '80s and '90s. I think listeners will really become loyal to certain DJs because of similar taste," Rothamel added.

The station will be automated during the day and operated by students in the evening.

"The station will run 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the announcers will be live from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m.," says Tremblay, director of the school of communication.

Currently the DJs are made up of students in the radio practicum class. The station will allow students to volunteer to be on the air, but each student must abide by rules regarding what is and what is not allowed to be broadcasted.

Sophomore Katie Little says, "I think a radio station would be cool for students. It would bring a sense of community to the school because you could hear your own friend on the air."

Graduate student Megan Murray says, "It will give students at High Point University more options, and professional opportunities for those interested in broadcasting."

When the new School of Com-

munication building is completed, the radio station will move to a permanent location with its new facilities. Currently, the station will broadcast from a studio in the Fine Arts building.

"We are trying to be the student voice of High Point University. People sending messages on the air will be HPU students. We are trying to be a balanced radio station and abide by social tastes," Tremblay said.



Bryan Rothamel (left), station manager for HPU Radio, and Mike Nuckles host a sports talkshow on the student-operated radio station every Tuesday night from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Photo by Pam Haynes

Administration takes no stance on 'Amethyst'

By Jesse Kiser
Online Editor

The rise of binge drinking by college students prompted former Middlebury College President John McCardell to start an initiative—the Amethyst Initiative that aims to stop binge drinking, particularly among college students. His main solution is to lower the drinking age, and he's recruited 123 other colleges to support Amethyst.

The Amethyst Initiative is named after the Greek gemstone said to ward off intoxication. McCardell has gained support from schools like Duke, Dartmouth and Johns Hopkins, along with public schools like Ohio State and the University of Maryland. But HPU hasn't jumped on board and isn't declaring a stance on the issue.

"I'm not so sure that lowering the drinking age will curb binge drinking or curb underage drinking," said dean of student life, Gail Tuttle. She wants the administration to gather a collective opinion before she makes her own.

Currently, the HPU administration says they need to dig deeper into the subject and collect supporting evidence before they choose a side.

"We truly have not invested research time into the subject," said president Nido Qubein. "I hesitate to speak without thorough investigation of all the pros and cons."

Kim Soban, Director of Counseling Services, often counsels students with substance abuse issues and disagrees with the lowering of the drinking age. "No one law is going to solve this problem," she said. She considers the problem of binge drinking to be a form of self-medication for students with serious personal issues.

"We need to educate students even prior to college," she said. "It is unrealistic to say underage students will not drink, so we need to say, 'If you are going to do it, here is how you can be safe.'"

According to the Associated Press, McCardell said, "No matter where you stand on this issue, it's impossible to...say this is a settled question. It's also impossible to say the public isn't ready to participate in the

debate the (university) presidents are calling for."

McCardell has his fair share of opposition. Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the organization that led the fight to raise the drinking age to 21 originally, is now fighting to keep it that way. They are accusing college presidents of being lazy and avoiding the tough work of cracking down on underage and binge drinkers.

After public opposition from MADD and the National Transportation Safety Board (who issued statements saying it would lead to injuries and deaths), Robert Franklin of Morehouse College and Kendall Blanchard of Georgia Southwestern State withdrew their support.

Tuttle feels that the Initiative was originally more complex than just lowering the drinking age, but was a call for an open national dialogue to confront colleges' problems with binge drinking.

"We all need to try to get a handle on binge drinking by seeing what we can do as a community," she said.

Staff Profile: Brian Ross focuses on customer service

By Katie Nelson
Opinion Editor

The famous line from the Wizard of Oz that says, "There's no place like home," is especially true for Starbucks employee Brian Ross.

Brian, 22, has been making coffee at the Starbucks on campus for two years and has no plans to leave. Brian is a native to High Point, and he enjoys living close to home since he is a self-proclaimed momma's boy.

However, when Brian was five, his biological mother died. This left him, his older brother and his sister to live with their grandmother. She quickly

became his maternal figure, as did his sister who is 13 years older than he is.

Brian enjoys being the baby of the family and getting the resulting special attention and treatment. His sister, who is the person he admires most, is always there for him. In turn, Brian treats his nieces like princesses. He loves visiting them and helping them out; he even helps them sell Girl Scout cookies.

There is more to Brian than just a strong family bond. As a kid,

Brian was a huge class clown. He and his friends were always getting into something. They loved playing practical jokes on people, though they never did any harm.

Brian also loves music and is constantly listening to it and singing along. His favorite artists include T.I., Neo and Trey Songz. He also enjoys playing basketball and football

regularly.

Brian is looking forward to playing these sports in his new home, which

he just acquired. He just moved into a two-story house that he shares with some friends. He plans to celebrate his upcoming birthday there on Feb. 3.

Brian cares about people and reflects that not only in his attitude but also in his work. Customer service is the most important part of the job to him. As a result of this dedication to customer service, the university Starbucks has received 11 awards for excellence from the Starbucks corporation.

So if you ever stop by Starbucks, you know that Brian will take care of you.



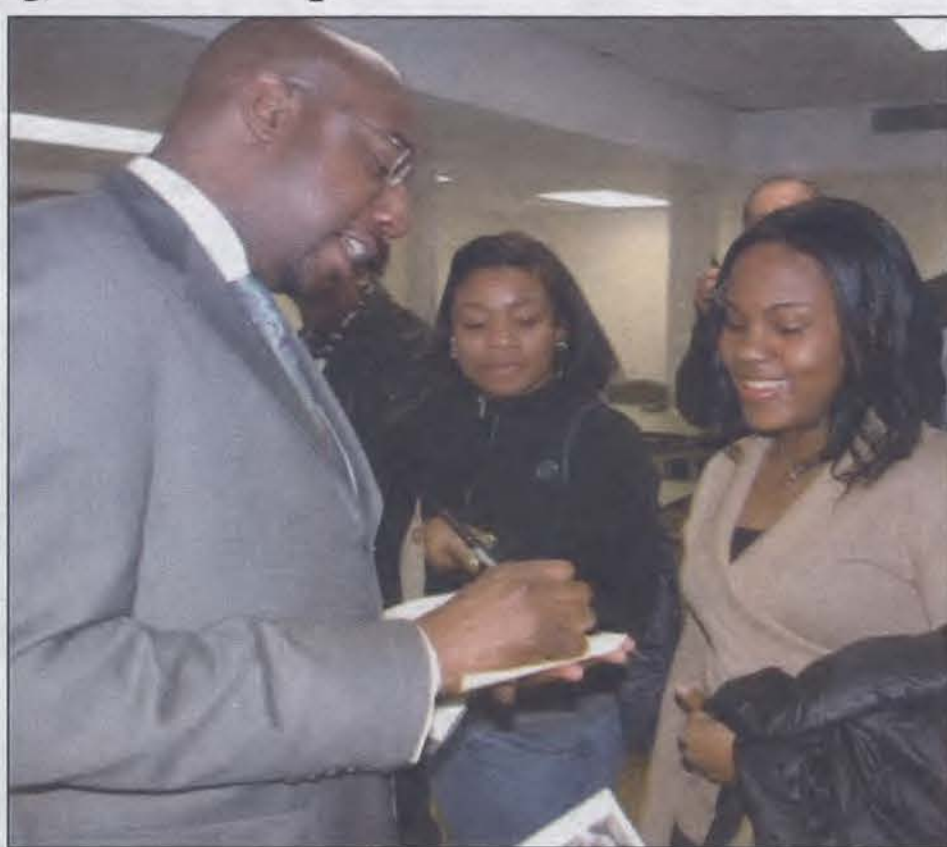
Brian Ross, HPU Starbucks employee. Photo by Katie Nelson

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service



High Point University students participated in a "Day of Service" on Jan. 19 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day by volunteering in different areas of the community. From left to right: David Perez, Alicia Landale and Jessica Bookbinder plant flowers at High Point Regional Hospital as part of their service for the day.

Photo by Jesse Kiser



The annual Martin Luther King Jr. service was held Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. The message was delivered by Reverend Dr. Raphael Warnock, senior pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, the spiritual home of the late MLK Jr. From left to right: Dr. Warnock signs programs for freshmen Symone Graves and Kenzalia Bryant after the service.

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people before 4 a.m. I left at 5 a.m.," Rager says. "The train ride lasted 30 minutes, and it took us to 45 minutes to get off of the train. There were Obama chants in the station. There was a very good air about the entire day."

And Rager didn't mind braving the cold for the event.

"The excitement lasted even through the cold and hours and hours. Excitement was all over the place. If you were watching it from home, you didn't get to be part of all that."

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switching to the four-hour system might be a reduced opportunity to take a highly diversified set of classes at a single time. Carroll believes that this effect will be minimal, since major classes would be condensed and the number of major classes required for graduation would be reduced. Carroll also noted that it would be likely that the university would raise the maximum credit hours a student can take in a semester without penalty from 17 to 18 credits.

"This is the most exciting academic change made in university history," he said. "We want to take ourselves to the next level academically."

Administration and faculty have been looking into the new plan for about two years. According to Carroll, the vote was "overwhelmingly high" in favor of the new curriculum.

Schools that already operate under the four hour curriculum system include Davidson College, Furman and Wake Forest University.

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Sorority life gives an only child a huge family

By **Bryan Rothamel**
Organizations Editor

Sunday night is finally here for Mae Norman. It has been a rough day for the High Point University senior.

Early in the morning she was woken by her roommate, Melissa. Melissa needed Mae to drive her to the

helped her bring her stuff into her new dorm, Mae immediately began spreading her green and pink accessories all over her side of the dual occupancy room.

Her roommate saw things a bit different. Two weeks into the year, her roommate finally finished moving in, Mae remembers. That proved things were going to be different than Mae had ever experienced before.

Tuesday Mae enjoys "Chapter Lunch" with her sorority sisters. Huddled around three tables in the Cafe, the proud sorority talks about everything from upcoming school events to hair woes.

Many of the women ask how Melissa is doing. She has been to the doctor's office a few times with Mae's assistance.

After enjoying each other's company, Mae moves to the second floor of the Slane Student Center. Outside of the campus Starbucks, she picks up a Greensboro News and Record.

She comments on an article here, an article there. "Oh look, High Point University," Mae says when she noticed a High Point University advertisement on page three in the A section. To Mae, reading the paper is a daily habit.

Huddled around are a few fellow senior Alpha Gams. Christian and Sarah sit on either side of her. The only junior, Ashley, sits across from Mae. Senior Brittany Crews pulls up a chair to join the four.

Brittany was the AGD president for a year and another roommate to Mae. They have had an up and down history together.

Freshman year, both women lived in Yadkin Hall.

The residential hall made it easy to find friends because of the community bathroom living style. The residents became friends but also made a few enemies.

The hall had two major circles of friends that did not like each other. Mae was in one of them with her hall neighbors. She was very close to those around her but they ended up transferring from HPU or dropping out.

Brittany was in the other circle. Like Mae, Brittany was close to her hall neighbors and her friends also ended up transferring.

Mae and Brittany hated each other, but second semester of that first year they both became sisters in AGD. "I remembered hating my life knowing she was going to be one of my sisters," Mae said.

After the pledging period they began to get to know each other. From then on they were best friends and sisters. They lived across the hall from each other for their sophomore year. The past two years they have been in the sorority house together.

Thursday night is the "Grey's" night, where sisters stop by the house to watch ABC's show, "Grey's Anatomy." Two other sisters come to the house to watch the show. Mae sits on one of the armchairs while Ashley sits next to Melissa, who is still ill. Melissa has a plate of food Mae put together for her dinner. Christian sits across from Mae in another armchair and next to Christian is a seat reserved for Brittany, who is coming home from work.

The show has not started but they huddle around the TV 20 minutes early to make sure they don't miss any of it. Mae and Christian sip on a small glass of wine as they debate last week's episode.

Ashley is having the most trouble remembering the show's story and Mae quickly reminds them, dating back a few weeks prior.



Mae Norman, HPU graduate Alana Esposito and Rachel Shutt posed together in Mae's house.



Seniors Sarah McArthur, Brittany Crews, Megan Keany, Christin Anderson, Melissa Nauman, Rachel Shutt and Mae Norman pictured before Lip Sync of Greek Week 2008. Alpha Gamma Delta won the event.

emergency room because of excruciating pain in her abdomen. Mae had three hours of rest and for a sleep-deprived college student sleep would be assumed to come first. Mae sat in the waiting room for six hours to find out Melissa had kidney stones.

Mae has a deeper connection with Melissa than just roommates. Both are sisters in Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. They are two of almost 45 sisters.

That's a big change for Mae. She is an only child and still close to her parents. Until college she had never spent an extended amount of time away from home. Now, she's about 30 minutes away from home.

To Mae, High Point became home and one big family.

Leaving Lewisville was rough for Mae. She left early in August 2005 to get to High Point.

"Mom wanted to be the first one in line," Mae remembers of the day.

They pulled up to Yadkin Hall and noticed she was on the third floor, which was four flights up because of the exposed basement. No elevators and more than 200 other freshmen women were moving in as well.

After the Orientation Crew



Brittany Crews, Mae Norman and Sara Vitale pictured during Bid Day 2008.

Panhellenic bids for largest class

By **Bryan Rothamel**
Organizations Editor

The HPU student body saw the annual parade of honking trunks, screaming women and males throwing water balloons the afternoon of Jan. 25.

There were 146 women receiving bids to one of the four Panhellenic Council sororities on campus. All four sororities gave out the allotted bids plus additions for reaching the quota set by Panhellenic.

This year's recruitment was another record setting year for participants surpassing last year's by 51, a 54 percent increase. A total of 241 women registered for formal recruitment.

"This is a such an exciting time for all of Greek life on campus. Not only do we get to meet our new sisters, but new sisters of the other three amazing sororities of Panhellenic as well,"

said Sara Vitale, senior of Alpha Gamma Delta.

The increase in interested participants has been expected because of increased enrollment at the university. Another key attribute has been the increase in awareness of Greek life on campus.

"Greek Week was pretty successful this year; it was a pretty big thing. There's been a lot of visibility among the Greek organizations this first semester this year which I think definitely contributed to increased recruitment numbers," Greek life coordinator Meredith McCrea said.

McCrea started working on recruitment week since she began

working at HPU in July 2008. This year she focused on making sure the sororities did less of the administrative aspect such as reserving rooms.

Another huge help McCrea noted was the work of the Panhellenic Executive Council. Some nights those women stay far past midnight to make sure the week went smoothly.

With Panhellenic leaders doing the grunt work, the current sorority members were able to relax and meet the recruits. McCrea said this relaxed many of the women during the sometimes stressful time.

McCrea stated the university is looking at extending Greek life to incorporate another Panhellenic sorority. The process is long and regimented. The process is only in its infancy.



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Women's basketball beats UNCA, holds second place in the Big South

By Drew Littleton and
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Overshadowed by Christmas break and a recent men's basketball home stand, the women's basketball team is second overall in the conference with a record of 6-1. They are set to play first-place Liberty on the road on Saturday.

Most recently on Monday, the team defeated the third-place Asheville Bulldogs, 59-51. Sophomore center Mackenzie Maier set a new single-game school record in blocks, recording seven on the night, and also scored 16 points. LaTeisha Dean was the main ball-giver since Frances Fields was in foul trouble for most of the night. Dean delivered a career-high seven assists. Shamia Brown had a career-high 15 rebounds, while scoring 16 points.

The team dominated last-place Presbyterian last Saturday, 75-33, at one point going on a 54-8 run. Dean led the team with 15 points and seven rebounds. Fields dished out five assists, while Maier rejected four shots.

High Point lost a nail-biter to

Winthrop on Jan. 19, 55-54. Winthrop led most of the game, but the Panthers never let the Eagles grab more than a seven-point margin. In the end, High Point was able to take a shot for the win, but a desperation shot fell short, and the Panthers suffered their first conference loss of the season.

The team concluded their non-confer-



Sophomore center Mackenzie Maier takes a shot in a game earlier this season. Maier needs one block to tie the school record for blocked shots in a season (52). Photo by Mike Nuckles.

ence schedule against its oldest rival, Elon. The two teams have played each other 73 times, with the Panthers holding the 37-36 margin. In years past this game had been close, such as last year's 77-71 overtime win by the Panthers, but this year the game was dominated by High Point from the opening tip. At the first official timeout, the Panthers were up 15-2, and that set the tone for the rest of the

night. Brown, the conference's highest-scoring freshman, was 11-for-12 from the floor, and finished up with a career-high 22 points. Every player saw action, and ten players finished with at least three points. That concluded a perfect four-game homestand to keep the Panthers undefeated at home.

As students were returning back to campus on the Monday after Christmas break the Lady Panthers played host to Gardner-Webb, which entered the match winless in conference play. Sophomore Jurica Hargraves led High Point with 22 points, 15 of which came from behind the arc, but the story was the team's defense, which forced 26 turnovers from the Bulldogs. High Point won its second consecutive game by an 11-point margin, defeating Gardner-Webb 55-44. In the Panthers' previous game, the conference home-opener against the Radford Highlanders, the team led for the majority of the game, and won the game, 65-55.

High Point, winners of eight of its last nine games, will look to stay strong for the rest of the season and will hope to continue their momentum into the conference tournament, which will be hosted by High Point this season.

High Point has major influence over alum Smith's coaching career

By Bryan Rothamel
Organizations Editor

Growing up, Orlando "Tubby" Smith had dreams of playing basketball for University of Maryland. He was reared on the southernmost tip of Maryland in a city named Scotland.

He is the sixth child of 17 in his family. They lived in a cinderblock home with no indoor plumbing. His parents were sharecroppers picking tomatoes, cotton, corn or tobacco.

The idea of "family" was important. If someone didn't feed the chickens or get water, the whole house suffered.

After he graduated from high school in 1969 he had an opportunity to play for UMD. They had just hired a new coach, Lefty Driesell. Driesell was a hot commodity at the time. He had won 176 games in nine years at Davidson College in North Carolina.

Driesell told Tubby that he was more than welcome to enroll at UMD and try out for the basketball team. If he made the team, he got a scholarship. If he didn't make the team, he just was another student.

Tubby didn't like the chances. He gave up on his dream and went to a small NAIA school, High Point College. HPC had no idea what it just received.

Driesell coached at UMD from 1969-86, winning 348 games. Tubby missed out on an opportunity.

Then again, did he actually find another?

HPC head coach Bob Vaughn, who previously won a high school state championship in Maryland, recruited Tubby. Vaughn had a relative that played at HPC years before. The relative lived in the greater Washington, D.C. area and sent many players Vaughn's way.

"[They were] recruiting some

outstanding players, me not included," Tubby laughs about finding his way to North Carolina.

HPC won 28 games in the 1968-69 campaign. Gene Littles and Jim Picka just graduated, both of whom were in the top five all-time in scoring in HPC history. Littles still leads the program in scoring. In the '60s the program had won almost 70 percent of their games.

Tubby unfortunately never was as successful as those previous teams. The teams he played for never had a winning season. The closest they ever were was 13 wins and 16 losses.

Tubby also played for four head coaches in four years. Vaughn only coached Tubby for a year and a half before Bill Davis finished Tubby's sophomore year. J.D. Barnett coached his junior year before Jerry Steele coached the fourth.

"I tell people all of the time-I ran so many coaches off, I thought I would get in the business," Tubby says with a chuckle. "I actually had four head coaches in four years at High Point. That's unbelievable."

After Tubby left, Steele would coach another 30 years at High Point before retiring in 2003.

Maybe Tubby wasn't running coaches off.

At the same time at UMD, Driesell coached all four years. His team won 77 games while losing 37. They won a National Invitational Tournament championship and also went to the NCAA Elite Eight.

Although UMD had more success, HPC gave Tubby something Driesell couldn't.

Tubby's third coach, Barnett, became very influential to Tubby's future coaching career. Tubby would become Barnett's assistant at Virginia Commonwealth University where together they won 144 games and lost 64

in seven seasons. The two mastered the art of the ball-line defense, a style Barnett used at High Point.

Tubby's head coaching career would begin at University of Tulsa. Ironically, he took over for Barnett. Tubby would coach at University of Georgia and the University of Kentucky. Currently, Tubby is at the helm of University of Minnesota's basketball program.

In the past 15 seasons, Tubby has won at least 20 games and been in postseason play. He won a NCAA national championship at UK in 1998. His teams have appeared in four Elite Eights and nine Sweet Sixteens. He has an overall record of 407 wins and 159 losses in 19 seasons as a head coach.

He also was an assistant coach for the USA men's basketball team that won gold in Sydney in 2000.

Tubby has been characterized as having one of the best ball-line defenses in college basketball. He calls it his, "defensive philosophy." In three of Tubby's first four years at UK, his teams had their lowest field goal against percentages since 1962.

If it weren't for that junior year at High Point, Tubby might never have had the chance to meet Barnett, learn the ball-line defense and get a start in head coaching.

Giving up the dream of playing at UMD, actually led to fulfilling the dream of being a head coach.

833 Montlieu Avenue did more than just cultivate one of the best basketball minds in business. It also helped Tubby find another love other than basketball.

"[Meeting my wife] was a significant moment in my life. She has meant so much to me. We have been married now 33, years," Tubby said of his wife, Donna Smith.

She was a freshman his senior

year at HPC. Being the "Big Man on Campus," as Tubby puts it, he didn't think it would work out because of the age difference.

She is a native of Richmond, Va. and on breaks Donna would frequently ask Tubby for rides home. Her house was on his way home so he would more than willingly drop her off.

He wasn't the only big deal on campus. She was a cheerleader and Homecoming queen, which was monumental at the time being African-American at HPC. When Tubby started school in 1969 he was one of only three African-Americans on campus. After three years of dating, the two married.

Tubby and Donna have three sons. The eldest, Orlando Jr. (known as G.G.) is an assistant coach at Loyola (Md.) College and played for Tubby at UGa. The middle child, Saul, is an assistant for Tubby at UMinn. Saul was on the national championship at UK. The youngest, Brian, graduated from University of Mississippi last year. He was the only son not to play for Tubby. All three sons played in the basketball powerhouse Southeastern Conference.

The family man left his home in 1969 looking for something similar. Tubby has kept a relationship with all of his coaches after he graduated. Tubby tries to meet with Steele, who still lives in the High Point area, every time he comes back east. Barnett stays close with the old player. Tubby hired Barnett as a consultant for Tubby's basketball program in Minnesota.

In 1969, HPC thought it was just getting a good basketball player. In 2008, High Point University knows it has quite a notable alumnus who couldn't be prouder of his alma mater.

His alma mater couldn't be prouder of him.

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Harris' selflessness an asset to his team

By **Bryan Rothamel**
Organizations Editor

Imagine doing something your whole life. Your whole life you have been on teams that have won and you yourself have won many personal accolades. People think you are so good they decide to pay for your college education to continue doing what you do.

That's how it has been for Gene Harris. His senior year of high school his team was ranked fifth nationally. His junior year of college his team is ranked in the top ten worst teams in division one basketball.

"It's an experience," says Harris. "It tests your character when you are down and out and adversity hits."

It hasn't been a bad year for Harris. He is averaging 12.5 points a game and is close to becoming the 28th member of the High Point 1,000-point club. Against VMI he scored 19 points by converting on half of his attempts.

Ask him about the game. He doesn't know how many points he scored. He only remembers one set of numbers, 92-85.

"My main focus is becoming a better teammate and putting wins up on the board," says Harris.

VMI was a game Harris didn't start for the first time in 52 straight games, a streak that stretched back to the last ten games of his freshmen year. He still only speaks of what the scoreboard of Cameron Hall told him Jan. 24; his team lost, for the eighth time in nine games.

"I came off the bench, but it wasn't about that. Our main goal was to get the VMI win," Harris says.

It is a transition time for the HPU men's basketball team with 13 underclassmen on the roster. Harris is for the first time in his college career being looked at as a leader. Two years ago he was in the same shoes as the likes of freshmen David Singleton, Nick Barbour, Steadman Short and the other six first-year players.

"Certain mistakes that young people make, I was in the same boat two years ago. I kind of told them ahead of time to try to avoid the mistakes but there is nothing like going through it yourself," says Harris.

Besides the new leadership

role, Harris also has adjusted to new defensive schemes coach Bart Lundy has implemented. Harris, known for his staunch defensive abilities, has learned new roles in the full court 2-2-1 defense and the 2-3 half court set.

"It's a nice little adjustment. Our defense is tricky, like a matchup zone. You try to dominate on the defensive end by getting deflections instead of straight shutting them down... it's more like a team defense thing," says Harris.

Harris is very optimistic on the team's future. The team still has to play every team one more time except Liberty.

Harris thinks HPU's record shouldn't ease opponents. They have lost five games by seven or less points. They almost stunned Liberty, holding the nation's

leading freshman to a measly seven points.

"We are a scary team."



Junior guard Gene Harris drives to the bucket last year against Winthrop. Photo by Jesse Kiser.

Can high school ways lead to college wins?

By **Bryan Rothamel**
Organizations Editor

Pop quiz: Can the men's program become successful?

The men's team hasn't won a game at home versus a NCAA Division I team. We have already lost seven games at home total this year. Our most losses in the Millis Center is eight. We are too close to that dubious distinction.

For most of our players this is the worst team they have ever played on by the numbers. At 5-15 they aren't setting the world on fire right now, especially considering three of those wins were against non-D1 opponents.

On realtimerpi.com we are ranked 336 out of 343 teams. We beat NC Central and they are ranked higher than us; they only have one win. Yeah, this is a tough year.

Where can we go from here? You would think there couldn't be any further fallout. We are last in the Big South with a lone win coming in Rock Hill versus Winthrop. We can only go up, right?

Well, no. We could stay last and be the first team to be left out of the Big South tournament. That would be the lowest of all lows. We could also lose every game for the rest of the year including a game on MASN against Gardner-Webb and the home contest against independent Longwood. Traditionally, we have not done well on television. Also, we lost at Longwood last year and they have key wins this year against James Madison and George Mason, albeit both games were at Longwood.

On the flip side, Bart and the boys could figure out how to hold on to a 10 point lead at half or even a nine point lead with two minutes remaining. It isn't like these guys are used to winning.

Melvin Crowder won a state championship in high school against a little guard named Chris Paul. Paul now plays in the NBA for the New Orleans Hornets. Gene Harris lead his prep team to a top five ranking nationally. Cruz Daniels' high school team went 55-5 his final two years. The prep team for Jourdan Morris was state runners up in Maryland. Steadman Short's senior year included an 18 game win streak. David Singleton lead his prep team to their first 20-win season in over a decade. Nick Bourbor lost one game last year.

This team knows how to win. They have done it before. Can they piece their previous success together to make a successful Panther program? Time is running out to answer the question. Let's raise the bar together.



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University offers free smoking cessation classes

By Pam Haynes
Editor in chief

If nicotine is an addiction you just can't quit, High Point University is willing to help.

The school will pay for students and faculty to take smoking cessation classes beginning March 6 conducted by the American Lung Association. The classes will be held in the Hayworth Chapel fellowship hall on Mondays from 6-7 p.m. for six weeks.

Six people must sign up by contacting Kim Soban, director of Counseling Services, before the university will agree to pay. Four people have signed up as of Feb. 13.

Soban says the classes will use behavioral methods as a means to quit smoking.

"The classes will use behavior modification opposed to medications," she said.

She adds that the classes are being offered because HPU is going tobacco free, but she hopes that students will enroll for their own health reasons.

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Cherry sets new record

By Mike Nuckles
Sports Editor

Arctic wilderness, vast open stretches of terrain, twenty-thousand-foot mountains, Sarah Palin. These are things that most Americans think of when they picture the great state of Alaska.

Some High Point students, however, know that these things are not all that make Alaska special; they know that HPU runner Jesse Cherry also hails from there.

He says that it was not hard to run back at home, but he has had to fight some tough conditions to keep in shape.

"Winter break was painful this year. For two weeks it didn't get warmer than -25 degrees," Cherry said.

Cherry, a senior at High Point, can now be seen running indoor and outdoor track for the Panthers, as well as cross country in the fall. He has seen a number of successes since coming to HPU, including setting a new school record with a time of 14:26.38 in the indoor 5000-meters in January at the Niswonger Invitational, hosted by East Tennessee State University. For the effort, he was named the Big South Conference Choice Hotels Men's Indoor



Photo provided by HPU Athletics

See "Cherry," page 7

HPU Volleyball coach resigns

By Mike Nuckles &
Allison Hogshead
Staff Writers

After six seasons as head volleyball coach, Chad Esposito announced his resignation Wednesday citing personal reasons.

It was a "tough decision" for the 2008 Big South Coach of the Year who garnered a 101-101 record since he came to HPU in 2003, according to the High Point University Athletics Web site.

Esposito's team had what was arguably High Point's best season since becoming a Division I member, compiling a 26-7 record, including a 13-3 mark in-conference. The team captured the Big South Conference's regular season co-championship before being upset by Coastal Carolina in the semifinals of the conference tournament.

"I made the decision in the best interest of my family. With my two boys becoming involved with a variety of activities, I just wanted to have more time to spend with them and my wife," Esposito said in an interview with HPU Sports Information.

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Student clubs hold Gaza Awareness Week

By Megan Keany
Staff Writer

While the sun may be shining and students might develop a carefree attitude as spring begins, the Rotaract Club and International Club are pairing up to remind you of a serious international crisis at hand.

The clubs will be co-hosting Gaza Awareness Week Feb. 16-20 to inform students of the situation in the Gaza Strip which recently underwent months of violent attacks.

This narrow piece of land along the Mediterranean coast in between Israel and Egypt is home to over 1.5 million Palestinians and is the site of

conflict between the extremist group Hamas and the Palestinian authority.

The president of High Point University's International Club and Palestinian native Manar Faraj believes that students on campus should learn more about the issue.

"We should have fun in college, but there is a part of life that people need to know about," she said.

The week begins on Monday with a showing of the film *Promises* that presents the Jewish-Palestinian conflict through the eyes of children. The film will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Terrace Room.

An Amnesty International speaker and a speaker educated on Israeli issues will educate students and provide faces to headlines on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Phillips 120. An opportunity for questions and discussion will follow.

A candle and prayer vigil for Gaza will be held in the Charles E. Hayworth Sr. Memorial Chapel on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

The clubs will sell handmade embroidery outside of the café during lunch and dinner hours. The collected money will be sent to support families in Gaza.

The week will end with a night of poetry and art on Friday where dancers, singers and other performing artists are welcome to share art, poetry, music or any other form of self-expression.

Faraj believes that people in America can be isolated from the rest of the world and as students, "We have a lot of energy and should spend it on world peace."

Faraj hopes that Gaza Awareness Week will show two different sides of an issue and give students the opportunity to understand people with different beliefs and values, as well as an opportunity to help out those in need.



On the Run: What's new

Student falls four stories from York rooftop

Matthew Tremblay, a sophomore at High Point University, fell from the fourth floor of York residence hall Feb. 8.

Tremblay was transported to High Point Regional Hospital then Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center where he is currently listed in serious condition at the hospital's Intensive Care Unit.

Baseball season opens at the end of February

Baseball season kicks off with the Baseball Olympics Feb. 17. The team officially begins play Feb. 20 with a three-game home series against the University of Dayton at Willard Stadium.

The team, led by first-year head coach Craig Cozart, will then host Temple University for a three-game set beginning Feb. 27.

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Branding can lead to conformity

Staff Editorial

It's no secret that High Point University is a big believer of branding. Everywhere a student looks, the HPU logo is etched in products from T-shirts to waffles. Many people see it as a sense of school spirit. Others think it is an irritating PR tool.

The definition of branding is to impress firmly or, more commonly known in the business world, to publicize using a name. This is not a phenomenon known only to HPU; much of our culture involves branding.

A tank top will cost \$5 at Wal-Mart but \$20 at Abercrombie and Fitch. However, people will buy the A&F piece just so they can have the brand name stitched on the front of the shirt.

Brands are all about sending a message. Some companies try to send the message of quality and refinement. There is no question about what message HPU is trying to send: At High Point University, every student receives an extraordinary education in a fun environment with caring people.

This is an appealing message. Clearly it is working; our admission levels have skyrocketed over the past few years. People want to be here.

However the question is raised about how much is enough? How much can you shove an idea into someone's face before it loses its meaning or worse, it generates antipathy to the idea?

In November 2007, HPU enacted a branding policy, which outlines the regulations concerning what is to be branded. The policy has some goals, which are extremely beneficial in making HPU known to the world.

For example, before something is branded the question is asked, "Can someone take the information provided on this item and 'Google' it and have High Point University show as the #1 choice?" This is a wonderful marketing tool, which will allow HPU to expand

and grow.

This policy makes sense for the advertising and marketing world. However once students enroll and enter the campus they do not need to be continually reminded that they are at HPU.

Some of the items that are branded are outright ridiculous. The built-in lights that have HPUREC inscribed onto the screens cannot be seen by anyone unless you stand and look directly up. It's hard to think of how this would promote HPU.

Roger Clodfelter, the Director

"An additional problem with branding is that it creates uniformity and therefore quashes individuality."

of WOW!, says that branding on campus instills a sense of "pride in the product, the university, the students and creates energy." It does instill a sense of pride initially. However after a while one tires of seeing HPU everywhere and it no longer holds the same meaning.

Of most concern is some of the photographs posted in the dorms and a few academic buildings. These photographs depict students wearing HPU gear. Many are engaged in activities such as labs, community service, or just having fun.

However there are a few pictures that show students doing ridiculous things like sitting on a stool, holding a lanyard and a parking pass with High Point University written across the bottom. Pictures such as this hold no value other than to be an advertisement.

Since most of the pictures like this are in residential areas, like the Villages, they are only advertising to the students who live there. Even more outrageous is that in some of the better pictures, the subject is without HPU gear.

The solution to this problem has been to Photoshop in some HPU gear. This is really tacky. It is extremely obvious in a few of these pictures what has been photo shopped. Why can't the picture just be left the way it is?

An additional problem with branding is that it creates uniformity and therefore quashes individuality. If the only public pictures seen of HPU students are ones of them wearing HPU shirts, then what kind of impression does that send?

The student's personality is totally lost in the process. It doesn't give prospective students any idea of the kind of people they will encounter at HPU.

Lucas Conley, author of "Obsessive Branding Disorder: The Business of Illusion and the Illusion of Business,"

states that "[Brander] are so focused on the [brand] that they ignore the physical properties that compose it." The abundance of items and people branded at HPU creates this feeling of conformity.

People should not feel pressure to conform in a place that is supposed to introduce them to the real world. This is obviously not the motivation behind the branding process but it is an unintended consequence that could be approaching and many feel is already here.

The branding policy at HPU is excellent for PR and advertising. However, its designers have become overzealous in their quest for pride and popularity. Branding doesn't necessarily need to stop; it just needs to be toned down when pertaining to on campus items.

Stress can motivate you

By Dr. Nido Qubein

Stress often gets a bad rap, but you should know that there is good stress and there is bad stress.

Good stress can be used like the tension in a bowstring. Unless you stress the bow and the string, your arrow won't fly straight to its mark.

A person who is experiencing no stress is also experiencing no challenge. And people who are not challenged will not exert themselves to succeed. Unchallenged people are bored and unmotivated.

Challenged students are excited and ready for action. They're like a talented, well-trained team going into a championship game. The challenge of winning fills the team members with an exciting tension that puts the edge on their performance, causing them to play at their best – and win.

Your vision and your action plan should fill you with positive stress that impels you to move toward your goals. That's why it's important to create an exciting vision. An effective vision arouses your passions. It sets in

front of you a future so enticing that you can taste it.

You should be able to see yourself in the vision. In your mind's eye, picture yourself as you will be when the vision has been fulfilled. If you can't see yourself in the vision, it won't have drawing power. The key to motivation is identity. If you can't identify personally with the vision and goals, you won't be able to generate sufficient interest and enthusiasm to bring them to reality.

Some people dream exciting dreams, but never bring them out of dreamland.

Often, the reason is that the person mistakes an exciting dream for an impossible dream.

There's an unconscious rating process that we go through when we're sizing up tasks. We think of the task in comparison to our own capacities.

If we think the task is bigger than we are, we become discouraged and we don't try.

If we think the task is beneath our capacities, we're bored by it, and we bypass it.

But if we think the task

matches our capacities, we're likely to wade into it.

The key to motivating yourself is to upgrade your estimate of your own capacities. If the dream excites you, you can achieve it. If it were beyond your reach, it wouldn't excite you. So when you face a major challenge, give your estimate of your capabilities an upward revision.

Positive stress enables you to overcome the inertia that tends to keep you in a rut.

People stay in ruts because it takes less effort to follow the rut than to get out of it.

But two things can cause you to get out of the rut: those two things are pain and pleasure.

When the pain of staying in the rut becomes appreciably greater than the pain of getting out of it, you'll get out of it.

When getting out of the rut offers you appreciably more pleasure than staying in the rut, you'll get out of it.

Both the pain and the pleasure represent positive stress.

Student feels pressure to get married

By **Elizabeth Welborn**
Staff Writer

Tick tock. Tick Tock. Tick freakin' tock. It seems that in my world being almost 21 means that your biological clock is ticking. Repeatedly. People all around me are tying the knot... the knot that I have no intentions of tying yet, but still feel immense pressure to do so.

It does not help my situation that I was maid-of-honor at my best friend's wedding over winter break. Walking down the aisle, I felt like a literal maid! All the bridesmaids who were in the wedding were married...except for the maid-of-freakin' honor. I did not advertise that I was single by any means but I must have had the "Spinster look" about me. People kept coming up to me saying the usual "You'll find someone someday." Gee thanks, old lady with the purple hair. I appreciate it. It was not like the other bridesmaids were older than me. All of the married bridesmaids were my age and younger.

It's not only the circumstances I find myself in, but also my family who puts on the pressure to find someone to marry. Every holiday that I have with my extended family, my very own grandmother never fails to ask me, "You haven't found anyone...yet?" She seems to always fit in the shocked "yet" at the end. Unfortunately, it's not just my grandmother but my whole family. It's my aunt trying to get me a profile on match.com. It's my mom randomly pointing out guys that I would "make cute babies with." It's no longer that I might look cute with a guy but that I will make cute babies with him!!

Is it really that weird that I have no potential groom in mind? Am I seriously an old maid at 21? Why are all my friends getting married and I'm just the spinster-of-honor? According to Divorcerate.org, in America the divorce rate is at 41 percent for first marriages. This isn't even looking at the age element. The divorce rate for women between the ages of 20-24 is 36.6 percent; for men the divorce rate is 38.8 percent. This age group has the highest

divorce percentage out of all the age groups. With these statistics, why in the world do people want me to get married? Now?

Since I am from North Carolina, maybe it is just a southern thing. Maybe people down here are still stuck with the idea that women are supposed to get married right away and make babies all through life. After all, most of my cousins are already married. With children.

I admit that sometimes I do plan my wedding out. But what girl doesn't? Still, I truly believe that I am in no way ready for marriage. I don't see how my friends could be either. I still feel like I am trying to figure myself out without the complication of a husband getting in the way.

My only solution seems to be to drown out my relatives, my friends and my life until the time is right for me to walk down the aisle as a bride. Until then, I'm happy simply planning for the big day. It's much cheaper that way...or so I hear.

Presidential scholarships attract more advanced students

By **Mike Nuckles**
Sports Editor

High Point University has made a major effort in recent years to attract a better, smarter student body. One of the ways this is most evident is in the number and qualifications of this year's Presidential Scholarship candidates.

I have seen this campus grow considerably since I arrived on campus in the fall of 2006, but the most significant development of all has been the dedication to bringing in more qualified students.

In 2009, the amount of students asked to visit campus to interview with professors and current Presidential Scholars was so high that two separate weekends are required to accommodate

all of them. In the past, as when I was a high school senior three years ago, students had their interviews on just one day.

Granted, statistics are not necessarily representative of true achievement. Indeed, the most recent freshman class was the best incoming class numerically in the University's history, but they are still freshmen and too many of them have made some immature choices, despite their academic figures. Overall, though, the class of 2012 is helping to build High Point's reputation.

I knew when I decided on High Point that it did not have the best academic pedigree of all of the schools I had been accepted into, but it felt right. I earned a modest Presidential Scholarship and have also joined the

Honors Program since enrolling. I have excelled academically and have earned a much better endowed scholarship for my work. Being devoted to achievement in college will certainly make me a more attractive candidate to graduate school admissions officers and future prospective employers, and the recognition by HPU – in the form of my scholarships – have made being a good student even sweeter by providing more instant gratification on top of the future benefits.

Providing scholarships to highly qualified students is absolutely essential to making the student body more distinguished – and High Point University, by increasing scholarship dollar amounts and the number of scholarships given away, is definitely heading in the right direction.

Naming the University Center

The Campus Chronicle staff contributes to the list of potential names

By **Campus Chronicle Staff**

High Point University has been undergoing a vast change over the past few years. The most recent part of the change is the addition of the University Center, a dormitory which will house a variety of extraordinary features for students to enjoy.

The University Center will house 600 students with first class residencies. Other amenities of the Multiplex include a movie theatre and virtual bowling.

Amongst these features are three restaurants: a steakhouse, a soup and salad café, and a sports bar with an arcade. The Campus Concierge has asked the students to pick the names of these different eateries.

We here at the Campus Chronicle would like to make our nominations known to everyone and encourage you to place your suggestions in one of the many suggestions boxes

located around campus.

First is the steakhouse. Steakhouses are usually ritzy joints so we came up with some fancier names. "El Carne" sounds sophisticated and means steak in Spanish. Since we are at High Point University, the names "The Summit Steak House" and "The Extraordinary Steakhouse" would also represent our school very well.

Next is the soup and salad café, which is said to be similar to Panera Bread. The atmosphere in such restaurants is that of comfort, relaxation, and creativity.

This is the kind of place people go with laptops and work on screenplays or novels. With that in mind, "Nido's Nook" seems like an appropriate name.

"CatNip" would be another great name, which focuses on our mascot. "The Pinnacle of Pitas" would make our café the Mount Olympia of soup and salad bistros. On the other

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hand, "The Caring Sandwich Shop" would reflect the HPU staff's dedication to its students.

Last but certainly not least, we have the sports bar. A sports bar with an arcade is the place to kick back, relax and have a couple of cold drinks with some friends.

"The Roar" would be a spectacular name to emphasize our passion for sporting events. Students would come to "The Roar" and cheer their hearts out for their favorite team. Some more amazing names and great examples of alliteration are "The Panther Pub," "The Panther Pit," and "The Panther Pen." "The Fun Pub" would be a catchy name that would inspire a community of merriment.

Don't like our names? Think you can do better? We hope that you will contribute your ideas for the naming of these restaurants. It's fantastic that the students get to be a part of this endeavor.

Go 'green' for Valentine's Day

By **Dianna Bell**
Staff Writer

When pondering what to get your sweetie, or yourself, on the day of love, keep in mind that you do not have to destroy the earth in order to impress.

Flowers have become a romantic yet expected staple on Valentine's Day. When picking out a bouquet, why not go organic? Organic flowers offer a unique spin to such a cliché gift and they also save the earth from any further spraying of poisonous pesticides.

To go along with the flowers, add a box of Fair Trade chocolate. Regular cocoa beans are harvested by child workers who are forced to toil under dangerous conditions. Fair Trade certified chocolate not only ensures that products are fresh, it also guarantees that no child labor was used. Sounds sweet to me.

If your honey has more extravagant tastes and expects a little bling, there is an Earth-friendly solution here as well. Look for jewelry that was made from recycled metals with natural gems. Many are intricately hand-crafted pieces that beat the typical run-of-the-mill plain band with a diamond. Go for a gift with a little more flair, all while saving Mother Earth.

To conclude the night of romance, many couples dine out at an expensive restaurant. What could be more romantic than cooking for your significant other? Buying organic local ingredients helps the earth (again with those pesky pesticides), and also supports local farmers.

These ideas can be used on any occasion and for any person. The holidays aren't an excuse to throw the earth out the window. Keep Nature's well-being in mind as you prepare to treat someone special in your life.

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'Lord of the Rings: Conquest' mirrors the movie

By **Jesse Cherry**
Staff Writer

Lord of the Rings: Conquest, Xbox 360, PS3 - \$60

Even if I had the power of the one ring, enjoyment while play "LotR: Conquest" would have been hard to come by. Based off of the movies and not the books, "Conquest" tries to capture the energy and epic scale of the battles Peter Jackson created on screen, but none of the magic that made the movies so special made it through.

My roommate walked in on me as I mashed the x button slaying hundreds of mindless enemies, and he couldn't tell what I was playing. Even after I told him it was LotR, he sat there for a couple minutes squinting at the screen trying to figure out if I was lying to him. If the name of the game hadn't been printed on the box, I might have been just as confused.

All four of the classes, warrior, mage, archer, and scout, look like generic fantasy creations. Even when you get to control main characters like Aragorn and Gandalf, you wouldn't know it if the game didn't paste their names above their heads. The four classes have distinct moves, but their unique play styles fail to make the game fun.

"Conquest" has two campaigns, which I beat in less than three hours. The first campaign has you playing on the heroes' side as you try to destroy the ring. The evil campaign follows an

alternate story line where Frodo never destroyed the one ring.

Each of the two dozen or so battles takes place at different locations, but follows the same routine of hold this spot and mash buttons to kill things, capture this spot and kill more things, kill this specific thing, and repeat. There isn't much variety. When going up against trolls and other gargantuan creatures the movies are known for, "Conquest" gives you a simple and unexciting way to topple them, making the feat feel ordinary. With poor graphics and flat sound, it is hard to make anything epic.

"Conquest" supports up to 16 player battles, but it is hard to find anyone else playing online. Most of my matches consisted of one or two other players and me running around as Frodo failing to kill each other. When you get only a single point by killing someone and you have to accumulate 50 to win, it takes a while when only two people are playing. Even when I found a game with 16 people, the large maps felt empty without the mass amount of computer controlled characters filling up the generic looking locations.

You can grab three of your friends to play through the two campaigns with you, but if they react the way mine did, you may be spending some very lonely Saturday nights in the future because of the cruelty you inflicted upon them.

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'There's a Slight Chance I Might Be Going to Hell' will make you laugh out loud

By **Courtney Adamo**
Staff Writer

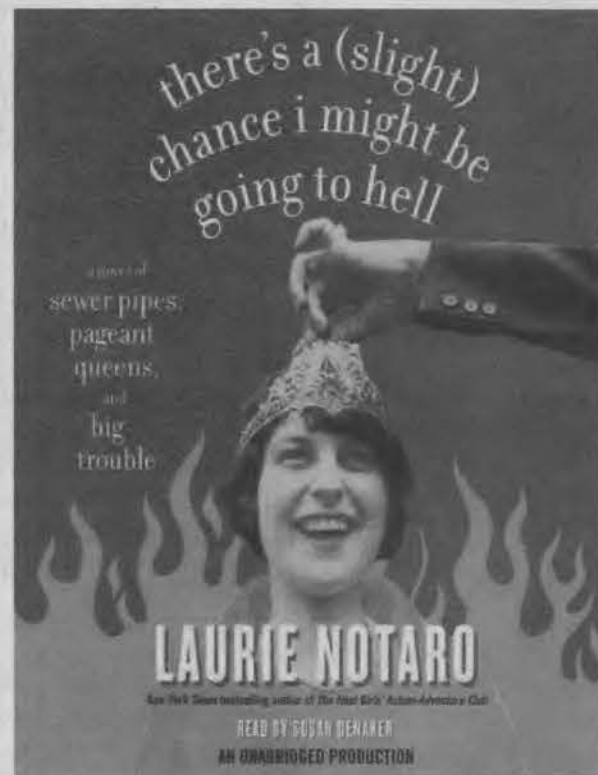
Laurie Notaro's first shot at fiction, "There's a (Slight) Chance I Might Be Going to Hell," leaves readers roaring. When Maye relocates from Phoenix, Ariz. to Spaulding, Wash. with her husband who is a professor, she has a hard time making friends in the small town. As a childless 30-something who works from home, Maye tries everything to make friends. She joins a very different kind of book club, hangs with the town vegetarians who argue over the vegetable of the month, and goes on a bad "friend date."

When she hears about the Sewer Pipe Pageant, a crazy town tradition that accepts contestants regardless of age and gender, Maye thinks she's found the way she'll make friends. The winner of the annual pageant is guaranteed a town-full of friends, so Maye enters with her singing Australian Shepherd. Upon entering, she learns each contestant must have a sponsor - a former pageant winner. A series of mishaps leads Maye to Ruby - a chain-smoking former beauty queen who lives out

on the edges of town. Soon, Maye finds there is a lot more to small-town Spaulding than there originally seemed and is determined to find out the big secret.

"There's a Slight Chance" is witty, spunky, sarcastic and, as always, Notaro allows readers to laugh out loud at life's ridiculous peculiarities.

Notaro also wrote the popular "Idiot Girls" books, a collection of brutally honest, observant essays about life, love and everything in between.



Butch Walker is 'super catchy'; Damone is more singing than screaming - - - - -

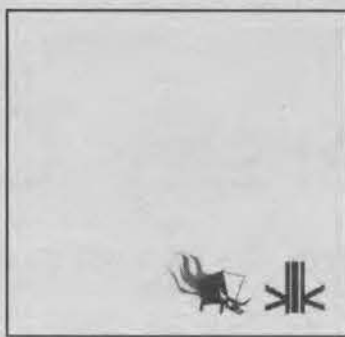
By **Jen Paolino**
Staff Writer

Diversity seems to be the theme here folks. The only thing that these bands have in common is the fact that they make amazing music. So you definitely need to give them a listen.

Band Name: Butch Walker
Album Title: *Left of Self Centered*
Who They Sound Like: If Ryan Adams, Gavin DeGraw and Snow Patrol got together to make a record, you'd get an amazingly mellow, but super catchy bunch of songs that you'll want to listen to over and over again.
Why You Should Listen: This album isn't just for one particular mood; it encompasses pretty much every emotion a person can think to experience. A mix of acoustic and electric guitars, with the added bonus of deep, soulful vocals, you'll be able to sing these songs at the top of your lungs and fall asleep to the melodic sounds of tracks like "There For Tomorrow (One Day At A Time)."



Band Name: Kenna
Album Title: *New Sacred Cow*
Who They Sound Like: You might ask yourself if Pharrell Williams from the Neptunes had his hand in mixing this record. Just in case you can't come up with an answer on your own, let me tell you...He didn't.
Why You Should Listen: Because everybody needs a little techno in their lives, right? If you're in the mood to dance, and I mean really dance, turn up 'Free Time' as loud as you can and jump around like a crazy person. It's totally worth it.



Band Name: Spoon
Album Title: *Kill The Moonlight*
Who They Sound Like: If you're a fan of Vampire Weekend, or just enjoy some really catchy indie-pop, it would definitely be in your best interest to check out this record.
Why You Should Listen: Although at times it might be slightly "trippy," the piano works on tracks like "The Way We Get By" is extremely poppy. No matter how hard you try and fight it, your



head just won't be able to stop bobbing in time to the music. You might even catch yourself snapping your fingers.
But don't worry, I won't tell. It's just that good.

Band Name: Damone
Album Title: *Out Here All Night*
Who They Sound Like: If Flyleaf were to ditch their slightly grunge sound,

and incorporate a little more singing with a little less screaming, you'd find yourself listening to twelve tracks off Damone's debut record.
Why You Should Listen: These guys, and girl, are definitely not a pop band; well, at least not in the way we're thinking of. Hailing from Boston, this four piece melds hard-rock guitar solos with punchy vocals that make you wonder if you've traveled back in time. This band is bringing 80s pop-rock back with a vengeance, so grab your vintage Les Paul and get ready to rock out.



Band Name: Endeverafter
Album Title: *Kiss Or Kill*
Who They Sound Like: The hard edge of acts like Hinder and Saving Abel with the diversity of bands like Fuel and Nickelback.

Why You Should Listen: Here's another example of a band that's determined to put a new spin on 80s rock. The record opens up with guitar riffs that are so fast they might make your head spin. But if you're willing to give it a good listen, you'll find front man Michael Grant's infectious voice will have you singing along in no time. Heavier tracks like 'Tip of my Tongue' will have you playing air-guitar like a beast, but softer songs like 'Next Best Thing' will make you realize that this band is just that.





By **Holly Iverson**
A&E Editor

You've heard of the Oscars before. Well, these are the Hollys. Over the past few months I've been analyzing and critiquing movies so I can pass my recommendations on to you. Some of the traditional Oscar categories are included, such as Best Supporting Actor. But I also included a few of my own, like Best Payoff Ending. Each movie that wins an award, whether it's for good or bad reasons, receives a Golden Deer. It's a nice part of High Point University we'd pass on to the directors, producers and actors in the movies if we could.

Let us know what you think! You can comment on the awards by going to our website, www.campuschronicle.org. Post your thoughts at the bottom of the story.

"The Hollys"

Worst Movie to Take a Bathroom Break During:

Underworld: Rise of the Lycans
This 2009 prequel follows the two Underworld movies that came out in 2003 and 2006. At a mere hour and 32 minutes, this movie delivers only the necessary information. The beauty of releasing prequels after the first few movies in a series is that you know exactly what you need to include in order to make the story complete and to answer any lingering questions. Every minute of this movie seemed to be filled with information crucial to the other two movies' plotlines, so taking a bathroom break mid-movie would've been a bad choice.

Best Payoff Ending:

Seven Pounds
We've all seen them - movies that weave a tangled web of information that confuses viewers until 20 minutes before the ending. "Seven Pounds" is one of them. This movie was remarkable, and even more so was the depth of the storyline. Since so many details are included in this movie, it's easy to come up with your own ideas of how the ending will be. But in the final minutes, when all of the puzzle pieces are assembled for you, you'll realize, too, that "Seven Pounds" has the best payoff ending.

Best Supporting Actor:

Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight"
Think of Patrick from 1999's "10 Things I Hate About You." Then think of Gabriel from 2000's "The Patriot." These two movies, along with others, simply do not communicate the depth of skill Heath Ledger displays in his portrayal of the Joker in "The Dark Knight." Throughout the entire movie I had to keep reminding myself that the Joker was, indeed, Heath Ledger - the same actor who played a character running down bleachers singing, "I love you baby (can't take my eyes off of you)." His talent is certainly showcased in this film, and his performance should make anyone sit through the two and a half hour movie in awe.

Worst Movie to See With High Expectations:

Slumdog Millionaire
With all of the media praise surrounding this movie, it's easy to think you're about to see a profound movie as you're eagerly waiting through the previews. But despite the good cinematography, the story itself is mediocre. Sure, the movie gives insight into life in India, something most movies don't. But the bones of "Slumdog" are quite normal and expected. Of course, there's a love story involved. The most unusual thing about the movie was the inclusion of the television game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" It was an Indian version of the show, but it still felt awkward and out of place. "Slumdog Millionaire" is a decent movie but beware of media's inflation of its mediocrity.

Best Actresses:

Kate Hudson and Anne Hathaway, "Bride Wars"
Together, these two actresses play life-long best friends, and their connection on screen is undeniable. Hudson and Hathaway really got into their characters in this film and it turned out beautifully. The movie is classified as a romantic comedy, and there's plenty of humor to go around. The duo are best friends competing for the same venue for the weddings they've been dreaming of, but when something goes terribly wrong, their claws come out. The humor in this movie was created by the male who wrote the story, and the male director helped showcase the jokes. It would've been incredibly easy for the film's jokes to come out overdone and dramatized, but Hudson and Hathaway keep it at the perfect level.

Best Supporting Cast:

Valkyrie
Don't see this movie for Tom Cruise; see it for the supporting cast. The movie lacks any big names in acting with the exception of Tom Cruise, but I think that's the best part of the movie. The purpose of the film was to tell a story that few people know about - an attempt to assassinate Adolf Hitler from inside his private circle. Having lesser-known actors helped tell this lesser-known WWII story. Sometimes it seemed as if Tom Cruise stuck out like a sore thumb from all of the other characters. Cruise's acting wasn't horrible; it just seemed to fall short of the performances of the other actors involved.

'He's Just Not That Into You' carries a clear message

By **Jessalin Graham**
Staff Writer

When guys do not call girls, act like jerks, or date us for years without marrying us, we often respond by making a million complicated excuses to explain their behavior while our female friends simultaneously reassure us that our relationship is going great. However, according to the film "He's Just Not That Into You," based on the book by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo, when situations like this arise no deep analysis is necessary and the simple truth is guys are most likely just not interested.

"He's Just Not That Into You" is a boldly honest depiction of how guys and girls behave in relationship scenarios. One of the major themes in the film is women overanalyze and misunderstand what guys say or how they behave almost 100 percent of the time. In a scene that proves this point, one of the female characters starts to believe one of the male characters might be attracted to her and she tells this to another female friend. Her friend immediately Google searches themes for their wedding and the two characters hadn't even gone on a single date. As it turns out the female character had mistakenly taken a few things the male character had said and done for her and interpreted it as attraction.

The outrageous spoofs on real

life are definitely what creates the most humor in this film. Because it examines this silly behavior so closely throughout the entire movie and we see it portrayed on the big screen it causes the audience to ask, "Do people really act this way?" Unfortunately, they soon realize they either know someone who has done these things or have done these things themselves and they end up laughing, although sometimes in horror.

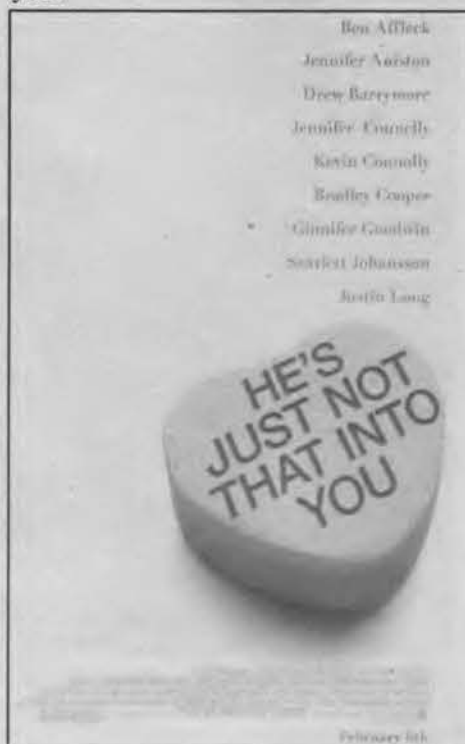
A variety of characters with interconnected storylines are presented in the film as well, which allows for more relationship examples. This also adds confusion and makes the story a lot more complicated and sometimes difficult to keep up with. A married couple played by Jennifer Connelly (Janine) and Bradley Cooper (Ben) are connected to their real estate agent named Conor, played by Kevin Connolly, who sold them their house. They set him up with Janine's friend Gigi, played by Ginnifer Goodwin, and they go on one date. Conor's friend Anna, played by Scarlett Johansson, meets Ben in the supermarket line which leads to Ben cheating on his wife (see, I told you it was complicated).

Anna's friend Mary, played by Drew Barrymore, encourages Anna to go out with Ben even though he is married because she heard a story once about two people in the same situation who ended up happily ever after. Mary meets Conor when Anna

recommends he place a real estate ad in her magazine. Conor's roommate Alex (Justin Long) gets mixed into the story when Gigi comes to his restaurant hoping to run into Conor in person since he never called her after their date. The characters connect full circle with Gigi and Janine, who also work with Jennifer Aniston's character, Beth, who has been dating Ben Affleck's character Neil for 7 years and Neil just happens to be one of Ben's best friends.

As a whole I consider "He's Just Not That Into You" a mediocre film, but the much needed lessons the audience learns makes it worth watching at least once. The interesting group of characters tackle nearly every possible aspect of relationship drama that occurs in real life dating scenarios today and makes the audience realize how silly, paranoid, and sometimes downright delusional women can be when it comes to dating, and especially how smothering women can be in an attempt to achieve their happily ever after, which they believe only means a husband and a house full of babies, and this is certainly not always the case. It is imperative for women to realize that we do not have to keep up with everyone else's happy endings to achieve a happy ending of our own. We should be patient and stop assuming that we have to be in a relationship to be happy and that a dysfunctional relationship is better than none at all. This film also

helps us to understand that instead of playing mind games with the opposite sex we should communicate honestly with each other and evaluate our relationships realistically to minimize misunderstandings and unnecessary drama. However, by far the most important lesson we should take from this film is if a guy is not treating you right, doesn't call you and doesn't act interested in dating you, no matter how many excuses you make for him, the truth is he probably is just not that into you.



A capella show provides entertainment for all ages

By **Scarlett Hester**
Staff Writer

The UNC Clef Hangers packed the T. Austin Finch Auditorium in Thomasville on Feb. 7. Audience members ranged from toddlers to elderly, but all ages were pleased with the performances they witnessed.

High Point University's own Toccatones opened for the Clefs. Dressed in their typical T-Tone garb (jeans, blazers, dress shirts, and ties) they took the stage and wowed the crowd with three of their stronger songs, "Cathedrals," "Mexican Wine," and "Cecilia." The Toccatones ended their set with a new song, Kansas' "Carry on My Wayward Son."

After the Toccatones the Clefs took the stage. The UNC Clef Hangers are North Carolina's oldest male a capella group and are recognized nationwide. It's easy to see why. A combination of stellar musical talent, exceptional stage presence, and catchy tunes proves to be the perfect formula for a dynamic performance. The group consists of 16 male vocalists majoring in everything from journalism to pre-pharmacy. There are only two music majors to be found in the group.

The Clefs opened with their well known version of "Africa." After individually introducing themselves to the audience they continued their performance, slowing it down a little bit with "Have I

Told You Lately That I Love You." They ended the first half of their set with The Fray's newest single, "You Found Me." After intermission the Clefs rejuvenated the crowd with another chart-topper, Coldplay's "Viva la Vida."

The Clefs then took a turn towards more traditional songs like "And So It Goes."

The beginning of "Carolina in My Mind" received shouts and applause of approval from the audience, consisting mostly of native Carolinians.

The Clefs wrapped up their performance with rap hit "Let It Rock," which brought squeals of approval from the females in the audience. The Clefs fed off the energy and teased the audience some more by shedding their button filled vests and un-tying their ties.

The Clefs left the stage to a standing ovation and whoops and hollers from the audience hoping for one more song. And one more song is what the audience got.

The Clefs re-took the stage, all still disheveled from "Let It Rock" and broke into yet another rap song, this time their version of "Put On" and "Get Money." The audience clapped and cheered as The Clefs sang and danced their way to the end of the song and yet another standing ovation.

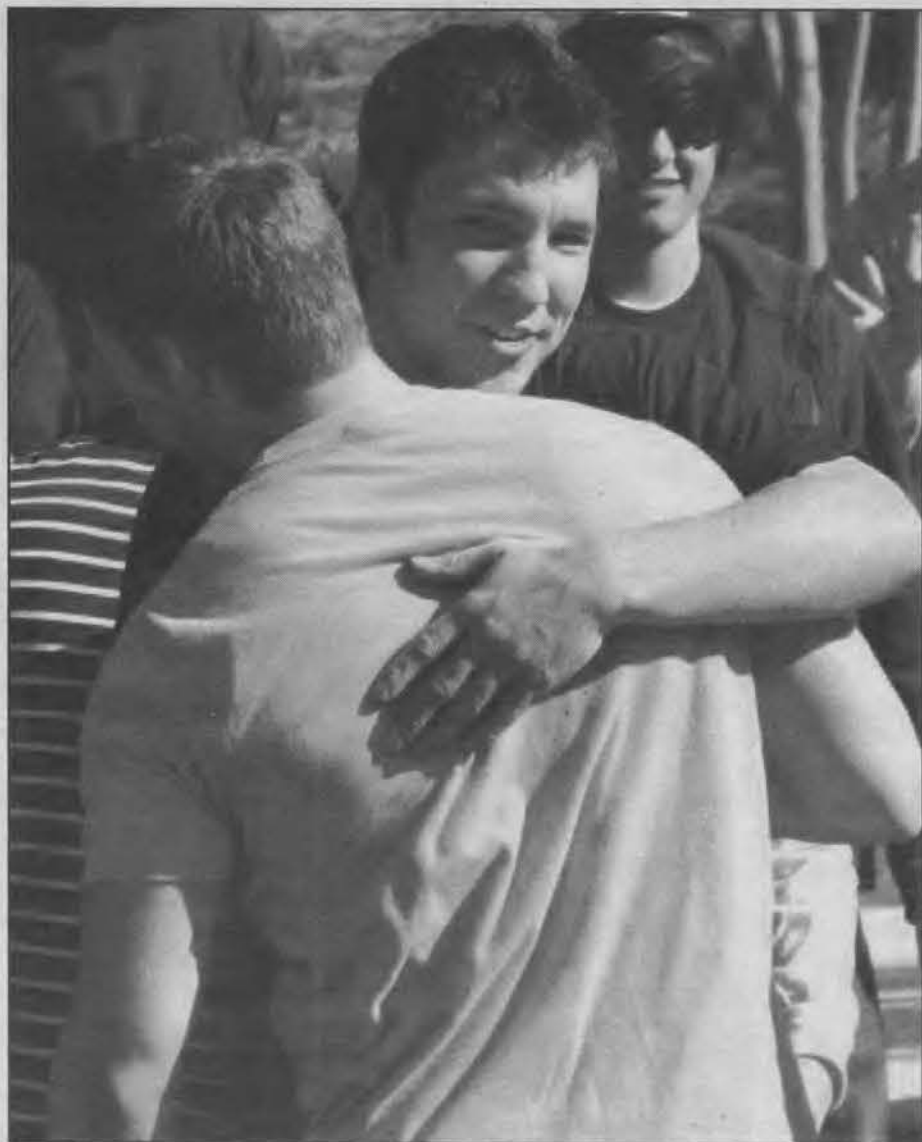
The Clef Hangers take a capella to a whole new level. They flawlessly integrate classic songs into today's hits, making their performances appealing to all ages.



Above: The Toccatones played in Thomasville on Feb. 7 where they opened for the UNC Clef Hangers. Below: The UNC Clef Hangers perform at the T. Austin Finch Auditorium. Photos by Scarlett Hester



Campus Scrapbook: Fraternity Rush



Left: Michael Earman, a senior and president of Pi Kappa Alpha, hugs a newly inducted brother and welcomes him into the fraternity. Rush week was held Jan. 27-31.



Members of Lambda Chi Alpha proudly wave their flag and welcome new fraternity brothers at McEwen Crossing on bid day.

Photos by Jesse Kiser

Gossip site JuicyCampus.com shuts down

By **Bryan Rothamel**
Organizations Editor

The Internet became a little less "juicy" on Feb. 5. Anonymous gossip, rumor and rant Web site JuicyCampus.com has shut down operations.

JuicyCampus ceased operating claiming that they could not compete in historically difficult economic times because online ad revenue has plummeted and venture capital funding has dissolved, according to a press release on the company's weblog at

juicycampus.blogspot.com.

High Point University administrators had asked JuicyCampus to take High Point University off of its servers in November 2008, but the Web site refused. Administrators and the Office of Information Technology then blocked the site from campus computers.

The relief from college gossip isn't here yet, however. Recently another anonymous gossip Web site, College Anonymous Confession Board at www.collegeacb.com, has launched. Its founder, Peter Frank, is a first year

student at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

In a College ACB press release dated Feb. 5 Frank states: "The site is devoted to promoting actual discussion, not provoking salacious posts or personal attacks."

"I have only been in charge of it for 3 months," Frank said in an e-mail to the Campus Chronicle. "The original owners, Aaron Lerner of Wesleyan and Andrew Mann of John Hopkins University, started it to create an anonymous board where people could discuss topics that might be considered

taboo."

Unlike JuicyCampus, Frank states his site has a report button next to each post that allows students to report libel, though he also says the site's libel rules are "loose." Registration for the site is not needed to post, only to report any questionable content.

High Point University has a section on College ACB, and there was one post for the university as of Feb. 13.

So far, the Web site has 500 schools in its database.

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"This is an opportunity to get rid of that habit," she said.

Gail Tuttle, vice president of Student Life, says participants will select their own quit date and will slowly decrease their nicotine intake.

"This is a support group," Tuttle said. "It's very therapeutic and supportive, and you decide your quit date."

Tuttle notes that 28 universities and colleges in North Carolina have either gone tobacco-free or have adopted the 100-foot rule which bans smoking within 100 feet of any building on campus.

To sign up for the classes, e-mail Soban at ksoban@highpoint.edu by Feb. 15.

"Resignation," continued from page 1

Athletic director Craig Keilitz believes that though the loss of Esposito is significant, the athletic department will still be able to attract a good candidate to fill the position and help the team continue in its success.

"The volleyball program under his (Esposito's) guidance has proven to be a shining example for HPU athletics both on and off the court," Keilitz said, also speaking with Sports Information Director Brian Morgan. "I am very excited about the direction our volleyball program is going. I have no doubt that we will attract an outstanding pool of highly-qualified coaching candidates for this position."

The volleyball team graduated four players from the 2008 team.

Presidential Scholarship Weekend added

By **Pam Haynes**
Editor in chief

Due to a growing number of prospective students, High Point University will be holding two Presidential Scholarship weekends instead of one this year.

Students selected from a pool of applicants will visit the university today and Saturday as well as Feb. 27 and 28. A total of 281 students have been invited for the first weekend and approximately 300 students have been invited to the second weekend.

Andy Bills, vice president of enrollment, says the additional weekend was created because more gifted students have been applying to HPU.

"The academic quality of our applicants has risen steadily for the last

two years, and we wanted to give more qualified students the opportunity to apply and compete for our top academic scholarships," Bills said.

During the event, prospective students will attend scholarship interviews with faculty and other presidential scholarship students. They will also attend a Presidential Scholarship dinner and a performance from Cabaret tonight and a "Conversation with President Qubein" on Saturday.

"The more of these students that come to campus, experience the unique culture of HPU and enroll each fall, then the academic quality of our students and institution continues to rise," Bills added. "These are the very best academic students from our accepted applicant pool."

Staff Profile: Susan Hodge watches students grow

By **Katie Nelson**
Opinion Editor

"I believe the children are our future," sings Whitney Houston in her hit song "Greatest Love of All." This same sentiment is shared by Susan Hodge, who has worked the front desk of the security office for 20 years.

All her life Hodge has worked with children and she loves it. She has three children of her own and five grandchildren who are "the reason to get up in the morning."

Charlotte is the farthest away any of her children live; as a result she spends every other weekend with all her grandchildren. At first it might seem difficult to keep five kids ranging from ages 7-13 happy for a whole weekend. However, it's no problem for Hodge who keeps them entertained by various methods such as skating and mini-golf.

Hodge has always taken care of kids. For 17 years, she ran an in home day car center. She always had a different number of kids every day. Some would stay one day, others the whole week.

Hodge is a nurturing person. Many of the kids she took care of still keep in touch with her.

Over time she got a job at High Point University where she "traded little kids for big kids." When she started, the HPU staff was much smaller so her duties were much more numerous.

Back in the day, Hodge would be the dispatcher, make student IDs, and anything else that was needed around the security office. Now that HPU has expanded, she is still in charge of parking and identity matters but her duties have been narrowed to more clerical work.

Hodge's favorite job is helping and comforting the students. She approaches all situations with the mindset of "If that were my child what would I want people to do?"

"God gave me a big heart so I want to use it," she said. She has certainly had many people to pass her heart to.

Every semester she has had about five student workers in the security office. She refers to these students as her children and gets

emotional when thinking about their graduation.

However, her office is never empty. Students hear how great she is and immediately want to work for security.

Hodge loves to watch her student workers grow up. She compares the experience to watching a "butterfly emerge from a cocoon."

Apart from her immense family at HPU, Hodge has a husband, Steve, and three kids. Steve is a retired paramedic who now works as a courier for a medical company.

The two have been married for over 30 years. Steve does his share of raising the kids and "can pack a diaper bag just as fast as I can," said Susan. He has never once complained about keeping the kids, which reflects his attitude toward children.

The Hodge children have done very well for themselves. Dana, the oldest, is the logistical supervisor for Polo Ralph Lauren.

Ashley, the youngest, works in Charlotte for a cable company as a distributor. Finally, Jonathan, the only



Susan Hodge runs the front desk at the security office. Photo by Katie Nelson

boy, works as a police officer with the Graham Police Department.

It seems no matter where life takes Susan Hodge, she will always have children to care for.

"Cherry" continued from page 1

Track Athlete of the Week on Feb. 5.

Cherry has enjoyed a breakout season in 2008-09. This season has been the first since Cherry's freshman year that he has not been held back by an injury. In fact, Cherry plans on returning to High Point for a fifth year because he has a year of eligibility remaining in track that he would like to use up. With the momentum that has been building this year and with one more year to go, he has high hopes.

"My goal is to make nationals. If you make it to nationals, you're going to be in the top 50 in the nation," Cherry

said.

While an outstanding runner on the trails and on the track, Cherry is also a proven scholar, being named a Millis Scholar-Athlete each year he has been at HPU. Another of his many interests is playing and reviewing video games. He writes for the *Campus Chronicle* regularly, reviewing games for High Point readers.

"I'd like to do something involving video games (for my career). I'd like to be a video game journalist or do some PR stuff, anything involving video games."

In addition to running, Cherry was involved in several other sports in high school before completely committing himself to running. He played football and hockey, and was very talented at cross country skiing, placing tenth in the junior nationals in that event. With all of these choices, though, he chose running because he was just good at it. He enjoys the cross country season especially.

"Cross country is my favorite. It is more about running than just getting a good split," Cherry said.

The indoor track season will

be winding down soon, giving way to the outdoor season. For the first time in several years, High Point will host a track meet. The Vertklasse Meeting will be held at the Vert Track and Soccer Stadium on May 2. Cherry will be there, as will a large number of other marquee High Point athletes.

Though driving from High Point to Eagle River, Alaska would take you about 74 hours (4,322 miles, according to Google Maps), having a native from the Land of the Midnight Sun here in the warm, sunny south makes the gap smaller than it may seem.

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International Club gives students a greater world perspective

By **Bryan Rothamel**
Organizations Editor

Imagine entering a school where over 90 percent of your peers are natural born Americans. They might have traveled as far as Alaska to get here, but they at least know the English language and American culture.

Your family is from Trinidad and Tobago. You came to America to learn English better and now you attend a university in High Point, N.C. You might still have a slight accent but when you look around, 90 percent of your peers look similar to one another and you look and talk different.

Nerve racking?

High Point University is proud of the various backgrounds of the students it attracts. Whether it is a top ranked chess player, a family fighting to send its first child to college or just



International Club members pose for photo in the Great Room. Photo Submitted

the "average Joe," HPU seems to have a mix.

The freshman class of 2008 had students from 11 different countries, which means some students are traveling across oceans to get to HPU. These students fight to assimilate in the American culture.

One campus organization that helps these students is the International Club. Made up of over 40 members, the club hosts various events, including educational documentaries, food festivals, fashion shows and a pageant.

The first few days of the semester, HPU international students may try to associate with students of similar backgrounds. This may mean Japanese students hang out with only other Japanese students or the Brazilian students stick together. Not only can this cause international students to feel disconnected to the rest of the student body this also hurts diversity efforts.

"[International Club] is a family for whoever doesn't have a family over here, who came from a different country or different culture," says Manar Faraj, a Palestinian student and club president. "It is a great means to spread awareness of our cultures. Not just the cultures but issues throughout the world."

IC is a learning experience for all involved. The students are able to learn how each culture differs and the similarities that exist.

"It helps you learn about other people," says Ramon Orellana, who is half Mexican and half Salvadorian.

For one day, club members participated in the Muslim holiday of Ramadan.

"We always dress according to the country [we are learning about]. We dressed in the Hijab and fasted that day from sunrise to sunset just to practice and feel what the Muslims feel," says Faraj. "Then we all broke the fast together," she finishes with a smile. Ramadan is one of the many events that brings the group closer together.

What makes the club unique are the differences that compose it. Members come from nations including Palestine, South Korea, Egypt, Japan, Chile, China and many other countries plus the United States. Faraj estimates 15 percent of the members of the group are American.

Outside of the campus Starbucks, a few Asian students sit with a Central American student. Stopping by is a South American student. Earlier, a Middle Eastern student stopped for a few quick words.

This isn't an unusual sighting of IC members

The biggest barrier the students have to break is the language difficulties. Many students are still learning English or are at different mastery levels. What a student may think he or she is saying is taken completely different by the receiver.

Faraj says what helps to break down the communication barrier is the club members are like family. They know the other never means harm by anything so they can work through their communication problems.

The good news: everyone knows what is it like. They know what it feels like to be misunderstood or find it hard to communicate thoughts. After all, they are going to a college where over 90 percent of their peers are more fluent than them.

"It takes a lot of patience. We have to hear each other well so we practice hearing each other," says Hugo Hormazabal, originally from Chile.

Communication is deeper than just words too. Actions can easily be misinterpreted.

On one occasion for a community fair, the IC welcomed a few Palestinian women. Hormazabal, used to Chilean culture where touching is not only accepted but expected, was crossing the line of Palestinian culture. Palestinians do not believe in contact between nonrelatives.

He quickly realized the problem and understood why the women were upset.

"I was close to getting hit over there," Hormazabal remembers of the experience.

The learning doesn't stop for just club members. Every year the organization hosts an international food festival and also an international desert festival. The events allow individual students to show off their culture's best foods.

The club bolsters many interna-

tional students but also many American students come to the events and are in leadership roles in the club. The executive council is almost half American.



Food on display for the international desert fair. Photo submitted

For the first Miss International competition, hosted by the IC, an American won.

"We didn't choose Miss International based on beauty or height. We chose her on what she did to make the world a better place or why she considers herself international," Faraj says.

Out of 30 women, the winner, the first runner-up and second runner up will participate this semester in three various projects the IC will sponsor including a painting and a special venture benefiting African refugees.

Takashi Torigoe, from Japan, says to American students, "Come to see us." He continues that if you can speak English you can communicate with any of them.

They do have many differences like background, hours to get home, etc. But they are finding a few surprises along the way.

"The most interesting thing by far is how many things in common we have as far as the sports we appreciate, the music we listen to," Hormazabal says.

Some professors encourage students to attend events because of university foreign language requirements.

Faraj says French professor Dr. Jean-Francois Llorens encourages students to attend IC meetings.

"You might find a student that speaks French," Faraj says. That can help French students practice with someone that is fluent.

The International Club has something for all.

Maybe you crave some Indian



Manar announcing the first Miss International finalists. The top three placing women will all do a service project this semester. Photo submitted

food; the IC had a night for that. Maybe you want to do salsa dancing; the IC had a night for that too. Or maybe you just want to hear about different cultures and global issues; the IC has that as well.

Student bonds with diverse people in IC

By **Bryan Rothamel**
Organizations Editor

Hugo Hormazabal is originally from Chile, where the official language is Spanish. Chilean grade schools do teach English to children, although it is British English.

Hugo and his family moved to America five years ago to improve their English knowledge.

Learning the language is important. It is estimated that 480 million people world wide speak English as their native language or secondary language. The Spanish language is spoken

by 320 million people worldwide as their native or secondary language.

These staggering figures could be important for the first year High Point University student.

When

he came to HPU he could have tried to assimilate with the general student body in order to better learn the American way and language. He chose, however, to join the International Club.

The club is filled with many students of various competence levels of English. Club president Manar Faraj estimates only 15 percent are actually from America, so a large portion of the club is still learning the language.

"I thought it was my duty to collaborate [with the club members]," says Hugo.

Although Hugo originally joined the club because he felt he should, he has learned many things from the organization.

He has learned how to listen because of the language difficulties and also about how other cultures operate. He has taught a class on Central America salsa dancing even though he is from South America and never salsa danced previously.

He has also learned how the world is more connected than he originally thought. His favorite type of music, reggaeton, is also popular with many other IC members.

Once, late night in the campus student center, Hugo was showing some students how Chileans dance. The students started saying, "Go Hugo! Go Hugo!" Smiles filled the faces all around the small group including the Chilean himself.

While Hugo could've tried to join clubs that stretched his English, he joined a club out of respect and now he is learning more than ever about himself and the world. He can learn about English in class.



Hugo teaches salsa dancing in the Great Room. Photo submitted



Thanksgiving dinner is hosted for international students. Photo submitted

High Point U, city should consider current mall site

By **Bryan A. Rothamel**
Organizations Editor

High Point University was approached about buying Oak Hollow Mall. Rumors around school, community and the web speculate we will demolish it and then build a football stadium. Previously I have written how I feel about adding a football team: I am against it.

I, however, am not against Oak Hollow Mall being demolished for an HPU athletic venue. The City of High Point needs to act quickly on this matter.



Oak Hollow Mall

The bottom line is Oak Hollow Mall is dying, slowly and painfully. Every month it seems another store closes. By an eye count, there are 36 store openings give or take a few. That doesn't count the many locations of empty kiosks. The City of High Point wants growth in tourism and the furniture industry. Here is the best opportunity to satisfy HPU sports, tourism, furniture and much more.

This all, of course, is hypothetical. The government acquires the mall plot legally through eminent domain. They pay fair market value for it and also try to buy as many empty plots surrounding the mall. The mall is then immediately torn down along with the other structures on property the city buys (e.g. Circuit City, bank, empty land).

In a partnership with HPU and the city, construction of an arena complex begins. The arena seats no more than 10,000. Construction of other surrounding buildings can include small meeting halls and maybe even a simple auditorium. The signed agreement between HPU and High Point gives HPU first right to the building for athletic events. A management firm is contracted to arrange both basketball games and special events. HPU's men's and women's basketball teams move to the new arena while volleyball stays in the Millis Center.

The management firm brings in small concerts, similar to those at area amphitheatres. The High Point Market Authority can use the meeting halls and arena as more furniture showroom space. Other events the firm can bring in are the circus, rodeos, minor league hockey and conventions. Local high schools can play large holiday basketball tournaments there, too. HPU can also use the arena for commencement and convocation, alumni and family weekends and two concerts a year.

Ticket sales pay for upkeep while both HPU and High Point both pay usage fees. Also, the city enacts a greater tax on tourism related industries to help pay for the costs. The city also actively recruits another hotel to be established on Mall Loop Road.

This set up accomplishes HPU's need for greater space for special events. It also allows the team to host better schools because our facilities would be above par for a school of our stature. Concerts inside would not only be weather-friendly but also would provide better audio than that of the Millis Center.

The city gets a chance to grow tourism to a "High Point." Events will attract people from Greensboro, Kernersville, Winston-Salem, Davidson County, and as far as Danville, Va. These people will sleep in hotels (less likely), fill up on gas (more likely) and eat in restaurants (most likely).

The construction of such a venture would add jobs to a failing economy. The short-term effect is increase in construction workers to do demolition, site work and construction. The long term effects include more restaurant staff, arena staff workers, hotel workers, gas station attendants, arena complex managers, etc. Also, this creates an entertainment corridor on Eastchester Drive. Currently, many plots are for sale or lease on Eastchester. This will encourage more businesses to locate on Eastchester. This is an idea that supports itself after the initially large cost.

Also, losing the mall to something that does not bring in high tax return could be detrimental to the High Point economy. It is hard to regain any retail lost. If the city takes the retail to bring in entertainment then they not only will eventually regain the retail tax base but increase it. The mall is currently not increasing anything related to retail.

Having an arena is something the city has outlined in its "Core City Plan." Although the "core city" ends at the corner of Eastchester and College, this should be an exception. The City of High Point needs to move on it before it is too late. I'm asking for a lot, because I'm trying to raise the bar.

RECENT SCORES

Men's basketball

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Shauna Marsh - 5:06.50 (mile) - 3rd

Jevin Monds - 4:16.50 (mile) - 3rd

Zsanett Kis - 10:16.05 (3000-meters) - 4th

UNC Eddie & Jo Smith Classic (at North Carolina)

Anthony Berkis - 4:19.46 (mile) - 1st

Nick Benton - 4.0 meters (pole vault) - 6th

Drew Blazure - 12.55 meters (shot put) - 9th

Manika Gamble - 0:09.06 (60-meter hurdles) - 10th



Left: Eugene Harris goes up for a layup at the Men's Basketball game against Radford on Jan. 17. The Panthers lost 65-52.

Below: Harris, a Junior from Pittsburgh, Pa., currently has 276 points in the conference, the highest of any other player on the team. Harris was named on the Big South All-Freshman team during the 2006-07 season. Photos by Jesse Kiser



Allred announced as Coordinator of Recreation Services

By Mike Nuckles &
Kathryn Mills
Staff Writers

HPU Recreation recently hired Mat Allred to fill the vacancy as Coordinator of Recreation Services. Allred comes to High Point after graduating from UNC-Wilmington.

"(Allred) is working hard already to analyze what the students want out of the Rec Center," said Roger Clodfelter, High Point's Director of WOW.

Allred replaces Steve Harrell, who worked at High Point for three semesters before resigning in December. Harrell now serves in a similar capacity at North Carolina State University. He was instrumental in getting the new Slane Center recreation areas up and running, as well as making marked improvements to intramural sports at High Point.

"Steve Harrell did an excellent job laying the ground work; now I need to take the torch and run with it," Allred said.

Allred has quickly taken control of Recreation Services, implementing new sports and programs to be offered. One of his main objectives is to increase participation in intramural sports. Among his ideas are implementing intramural softball, extra group exercises, and bicycle rental.

Allred also looks to make changes to the intramural football program. In the past it has been offered as a four-on-four event. Starting next year, though, the game will be played seven-

on-seven. Given the sport's popularity, he plans on running a flag football tournament this spring.

"Mat is working on all fronts to improve what's available to our students," said Clodfelter, who is pleased about football in the spring. "We are really excited about our future with him."

Sports have always been a great passion throughout Allred's life and he realized after searching throughout the corporate world he was not passionate about where his life was headed.

Allred found HPU online; he had actually been looking to go to graduate school when he wound up on HPU's website. Luckily, shortly after Harrell's position opened up, he realized that the spot was perfect for him; after all, sports are where his passion lies.

"If I were given a billion dollars, I would still want this job," said Allred. It didn't take long before he hand delivered his application and got the position.

One of his favorite assets of the school is how important the students



Top left: Mat Allred was recently hired as coordinator of Recreation Services. Top Right: Dan Suseck shakes past a defender during the ACIS Flag Football Playoffs last semester. Photos by Kathryn Mills and Jesse Kiser

are. "The second I walked on to campus I could feel the energy; it is contagious," said Allred.

He believes the students come first in every aspect of the school; he has seldom seen or heard of such treatment at other universities. This is one thing he truly loves and is excited about.

"(HPU) is unparalleled with any other school I have seen," said

Allred. He enjoys the start of any new sport, mentioning that it is exciting for him and that it even gives him goose bumps.

Allred hopes to keep the gym facilities updated and current. He thinks it will be easy to find out about what will keep the students happy since they are so involved on campus.

Beall, Fontaine introduced as new women's soccer coaching staff

By Allison Hogshead
Staff Writer

Following Coach Michelle Rayner's resignation, athletic director Craig Keilitz named Marty Beall, who previously coached at Francis Marion for six years, as the head coach of the women's soccer team.

Beall comes to High Point after amassing a 56-44-7 composite record as FMU's head coach. During his career, he helped the Patriots successfully transition to Division I soccer and holds a 2-0 record against HPU. Beall looks forward to the "energy and excitement" that president Nido Qubein has inspired

in High Point's students.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead the women's soccer program at High Point University," said Beall. "I am anxious to start working with the student-athletes and to continue building on the success that the Panther women's soccer program has enjoyed on and off the field."

Soon after his own hiring, Beall hired Brandi Fontaine as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator.

"Having coached her (Fontaine) and worked with her, I know the type of passion and energy that she will bring to this program. She has a strong understanding of what we want to do on and off the field and we share a very similar

philosophy."

Fontaine, who was also Beall's assistant coach at FMU for the last four seasons, played on the Patriots team for three years from 2005-2007.

Junior Laura Eldridge, the second leading scorer from the 2008 season with six goals, will miss Rayner yet feels that Beall will help the team continue to be competitive in the Big South Conference.

"First off, he has a great vision for our program. He is very enthusiastic and everyone is willing to work extremely hard for him," Eldridge said. "I will miss Coach Rayner; she was a great coach and person. She taught me a lot as a player and a person; her presence will

be missed in our program."

In the 2008 season, the women's soccer team went 8-5-8 and was eliminated from the Big South Conference Tournament in the semifinals after a hard-fought loss against Coastal Carolina. In 2007, the team won the conference tournament. Eldridge believes the program has a fair chance at the championship next year.

"I am extremely excited for next season! We have a tremendous amount of talent returning and coming in, so it's up to us where we go from here. Hopefully we will bring home another championship," Eldridge said.

Men's basketball defeats Winthrop for season sweep

By Bryan Rothamel
Organizations Editor

High Point University won a home men's basketball game on a night where HPU honored the coach with the most wins in program history.

HPU defeated Winthrop University for the second time this season 63-58 in front of a raucous 1,449 in the Millis Center. The win marks the first time HPU has swept WU in program history.

"We are humbled to get any win. I'm glad to get any win and hopefully we can spring board from this," head coach Bart Lundy said.

Leading the way for the Panthers (7-17, 2-11) was freshman guard Nick Barbour with 31 points on 50 percent shooting from the floor. Freshman guard Jacob Iati played a career high 31 minutes finishing with six points, four assists and

five rebounds. Four other HPU players were tied with six points apiece.

Winthrop (6-18, 5-9) relinquished the lead 2:18 into the game and never held it again. HPU stretched its lead to as many as 16 points with a Barbour fast break lay-up with 15:42 left in the game.

WU slowly chipped into the deficit and brought it down to four points on a three-point play from Cameron Stanley to cap a 10-0 run for the Eagles with just under three minutes left. Barbour made two free throws and Iati chipped in one of his own to finish the game for the Panthers.

Following his second consecutive 30+ point scoring performance, Barbour said, "It was nice to know we can win the games if we can just do it."

Barbour and his teammates have had many close games this year. HPU has gone 3-7 in games decided by eight or less points.

"I'm proud of those guys. The plays we haven't been making we made down the stretch especially in the last 1:20 in this game," Lundy said.

Iati saw more time on the court because of foul trouble for freshman guard David Singleton who played 16 minutes compared to Singleton's usual 28 minutes per game average.

"I've been doing [late game situations] all day in practice. I play against one of the best point guards in the conference in David Singleton [in practice]. He prepares me for stuff for this," Iati said following the game.

The Panthers were without the service of Gene Harris who did not dress for the game but was seated on the bench in street clothes.

"[Harris not playing is] just an internal team deal. He's great with the team, great with the coaching staff. It was

an internal suspension," Lundy said about the absence of the junior guard. Harris is averaging 12.3 points per game this season.

The victory gives High Point its first victory against an NCAA Division I team at home and ends a six game home losing skid.

At halftime, HPU honored Jerry Steele with the unveiling of a banner with his likeness on it. Steele stood at half court with his wife Kitty and HPU athletics director Craig Keilitz. During a standing ovation from the crowd, Steele blew kisses to the audience. Steele is HPU's all time winningest coach with 458 victories at HPU. He is in the top 50 all-time winningest coaches in NCAA history with 609 victories from his time at both HPU and Guilford College.

HPU travels to Boiling Springs to play Gardner-Webb University on Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. The game can be seen on MASN.

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In News: Is the economy cutting into students' social budgets? Read about students on page 7 who are cutting expenses so they can continue to have fun on the weekend.



Student Duo



Bridget Simon and Billy Myers (bottom), freshmen at High Point University, perform together at Harrison's Restaurant on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. Read a review of their music in A&E on page 4. Photo by Jesse Kiser

Tuition increases by seven percent

By Jordan Scruggs
Staff Writer

High Point University announced two months ago its decision to increase tuition by seven percent next year bringing the total cost of attending the university to approximately \$33,000 per year.

With so many transformations taking place on campus, many view the spike as necessary and even expected. Administration and faculty alike look to the increase in tuition as beneficial.

President Nido Qubein supports the financial increase, saying, "The truth is we are the least expensive in our peer group. Most schools are over \$40,000 a year and High Point University is \$33,000 - with huge value and extraordinary student experience."

Dr. Mark Setzler, department chair of political science, commends High Point's use of its fiscal resources.

"Frankly, I think that the university's leadership team does an

excellent job of efficiently spending student resources and the millions of dollars each year that are donated to improve the school."

Wellington DeSouza, vice president of information services, looks at the increase as an opportunity for further growth and development of the technology department. DeSouza says that the university is constantly looking for ways to improve its services, and a significant portion of these financial resources is deposited into making the university more technologically friendly.

This increase in tuition is not good for everyone, however.

Carolina Thompson, a freshman at HPU, will not be able to attend next semester and is looking to transfer to Appalachian State University.

"With the recession our economy is going through, it's just no longer feasible for me to stay at High Point," she said. "I can get the same degree at a public university and save

2009-2010 Tuition:
\$33,000

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Students' feelings differ toward University Center

By Sarah McArthur
Staff Writer

Students have some mixed feelings about the new multimillion dollar University Center, scheduled to open fall 2009 and house 600 people.

The building will be an advantage to some students who are looking to live in a place with amenities. The University Center will include a virtual bowling alley, an expanded post office, 250 seat movie theater, four levels of dining including a steakhouse and outdoor covered walkways.

For sophomore Andrew Realon,

the University Center will be home next year. Realon is currently a resident assistant in Blessing Hall and has been hired to continue his job next year in the University Center.

"I am looking forward to having everything right there. The University Center is in a great location, and for many things I won't even have to leave the building!" he said.

As a resident assistant, Realon will not have to share his room with anyone else and pays the lowest room rate that is included in tuition costs.

Realon recently had the opportunity to visit the showroom in

downtown High Point that houses a model of what the new dorm rooms will look like.

"My first impression was 'hotel room,'" he said. "The rooms are very spacious, and the bathroom is very nice."

After a year of living in the Village and having to commute to campus every day for class, junior Lexie Polivka is excited about the opportunity to live



The University Center is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009. Photo by Pam Haynes

in the University Center. "The building is at a great location on campus,"

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On the Run: What's new

New York Times columnist visits campus

Thomas Friedman, New York Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize winning author of "The World is Flat," will visit campus March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pauline Theatre of the Hayworth Fine Arts Center.

A limited number of tickets are available for students at the Campus Concierge. IDS credit will be given.

Second scholarship weekend invites 300 students

A second Presidential Scholarship weekend takes place today and tomorrow. Approximately 300 prospective students have been invited to the event.

High Point University added the second scholarship weekend due to an increased number of qualified applicants applying to the school, according to Andy Bills, vice president of enrollment.

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HPU stimulates the economy

Staff Editorial

Every news station you watch or newspaper you read features another headline about the current downturn in the economy. With more and more layoffs and business closings it is a depressing financial time, and rarely do you see any positive news. The city of High Point has felt the hurt from the nation's slowing economy but there is some positive news to be mentioned.

HPU has seemingly been shielded from the outside economic horrors, thanks to construction, job creation and its residentially transplanted student body and their spending.

According to a recent High Point Enterprise article, Impact of Job Loss is Pervasive, which ran Feb. 15, HPU has been doing its part to feed the local economy.

"The university... may be one of the largest employers in the city that hasn't laid off significant numbers of workers or indicated job cutbacks as a distinct possibility," wrote Paul B. Johnson. HPU currently has 580 full-time employees.

HPU, according to the article, has reassured its employees that their jobs are safe. With a six-year high unemployment rate in the city of High Point of 8.8 percent, according to the article, this is a positive sign in depressing times. But employment is only a drop in the bucket when considering the impact of the university in the community.

The construction on campus is a part of that impact. Current construction, including the University Center, Nido R. Qubein School of Communication and the Plato S. Wilson School of Commerce employs more than 500 workers.

These new facilities, along with the students and events, bring guests to HPU. Lots of them. According to a press release by Tracy Anderson, the

university's media relations coordinator, there is an estimated 9,650 visitors coming to the city of High Point because of the university in the month of February alone; 1,560 came to the first Presidential Scholarship Weekend, Feb. 13 through 14.

Those visitors are estimated to bring \$1.2 million into the community. Annually there are 58,000 visitors in the city of High Point thanks to HPU.

Athletics has carried its own weight in economic impact with an estimated 6,590 visitors attending throughout the eight home games in February, according to Anderson.

"The university... may be one of the largest employers in the city that hasn't laid off significant numbers of workers."

Where do those guests go when they are here?

"We house quite a lot of athletic department traffic in and out of the city," said Fred Sowers, the director of sales at Hotel High Point, formerly the Radisson, who also said the business coming in has helped the hotel through this tough economic downturn.

"With the meetings industry being down and travel being down, we certainly do appreciate the business we get," said Sowers.

He is anticipating more sales in the future, thanks mainly to the sports teams, some prospective students and families, and especially the upcoming second Presidential Scholarship

weekend, Feb. 27 through 28.

On Feb. 13, Hotel High Point had 25 rooms of High Point University visitors. Sowers considered this a significant number.

"For that weekend, yes, that's a good number," said Sowers.

HPU's student body is mainly composed of out-of-state students. These students who are transplants would normally not have found themselves in High Point if it were not for the university. Neither would their money they spend in the community.

Recently President Obama approved \$200 million for Federal Work-Study in the economic-stimulus plan, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. The plan is expected to help an additional 130,000 students. This extra money will help communities like High Point across the nation.

Students spend money on the obvious things in the community, such as groceries and the necessities. Not to mention the nonessential spending by both those students and the faculty.

"We are now still seeing an economic crunch," said Russ Hilderbrand, general manager of Liberty Steakhouse. "We have definitely seen a drop off."

But despite the slow business Liberty is still grateful for the steady stream of customers thanks to the university. Hilderbrand said he sees a steady stream of faculty as well as students, but more students on the weekends.

"It seems like people are saving their money for the weekends now," said Hilderbrand. "Friday nights and Saturday nights are still all right."

Liberty holds live entertainment on Friday nights and occasional Saturday nights, which Hilderbrand said brings in many students.

"When summer's here we can't wait for school to start again," said Hilderbrand. "Just ask any one of our servers - they can't wait."

Go Green while doing laundry

By Dianna Bell
Staff Writer

Laundry—everyone on campus has to do it. It is not my favorite task in the world. I actually hate doing it. I love clean clothes but dread the effort. This leads to a build-up in my hamper and a full day of laundering.

On these days of washing, go green.

Start by using warm or cold water to wash your clothes. Approximately 90 percent of the energy produced from washing clothes comes from heating up the water, according to a story that appeared on CBS News on Aug. 14, 2008. By using cooler water, you reduce energy use by 50 percent

per load. By choosing cold, you reduce up to 90 percent.

Secondly, wash full loads. It is a pointless waste of water to wash one pair of jeans. Don't do it.

When buying laundry detergents, use an eco-friendly cleaner.



Choose fragrance free products. Many detergents contain petrochemicals, which are suspected hormone-disruptors. This means that

the product can irritate your eyes, nose, and skin. It also means that these products disrupt aquatic life and can work their way into our drinking water.

By purchasing concentrated detergents, packaging is reduced, which decreases waste and the frequency of how often you purchase the product.

When drying, if possible, hang your clothes in the sun. This wastes absolutely no energy. If this is not possible, dry synthetic and natural fabrics separately to reduce static cling and the use of dryer sheets. While these do make our clothes smell nice and fresh, they are deadly for Mother Earth.

Although laundry is a daunting task, keep the Earth in mind. By taking these simple steps, you will save loads of energy usage.

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Improvements in security make a big difference

By Katie Nelson
Opinion Editor

"It's 11 o'clock; Do you know where your children are?" is my mother's favorite public service announcement. She is constantly worried about me and thinks that at any moment I am going to be kidnapped, held for ransom, and smuggled to some foreign country. Needless to say she wasn't allowed to see "Taken."

So when my car battery died at 1 a.m., I was not inclined to call my family for assistance. Instead I called security and they were efficient and happy to help me.

The security team on this campus is wonderful. They have made vast improvements over the two years I have been here. Also they are phenomenal compared to other schools.

I toured over 15 schools before choosing High Point, and the security at most of these institutions paled in comparison to HPU's. There were no posts with emergency call buttons. The strategy at most schools is that if you have a problem, just call security on your cell phone.

The flaw in the logic of this idea is pretty apparent. I don't know of too many muggers who will allow you to call the cops before they rob you.

The security officers themselves have vastly improved at High Point University. Last year many of the officers patrolling campus were quite seasoned. Some of them seemed like they would have difficulty chasing down a perpetrator.

The new team of 44 officers is a bit fresher. Many of them have their undergraduate degrees in Criminal

Justice and have come here straight out of school.

They are courteous and always willing to lend a hand. When I had surgery and was confined to crutches, security not only drove me around campus but they also helped me into every building I needed to go to.

Accessibility is also a wonderful quality of the security team. There are always several cars, trucks, and segways patrolling both main campus and the villages.

In the past year the security office has purchased a vast fleet of security vehicles. They currently have 3 electric cars to be more environmentally conscious. A collection of Impalas and Nissans has also been assembled. Last but not least they have two segways to accompany the three T3s which are basically segways with an extra wheel.

A sense of safety and comfort is established when one can walk across campus and see at least three security vehicles during the trip. They also do foot patrol through the library and the Villages, ensuring our security at all hours of the night.

The new officers also look much more official with their new uniforms, which are a close resemblance to those of city police officers. Looking more professional does a lot even if one does not realize it at first.

If you are speaking to someone in a uniform you tend to have more respect for him or her. This makes situations run more smoothly and efficiently.

The changes in the security department have been the best ones to occur on campus.

College presents numerous opportunities

By Mike Nuckles
Sports Editor

Coming into college, nobody ever says what opportunities are really out there. The reality is that this is the time in one's life when it is easiest and most logical to really get out in the world and have unique experiences.

There are so many things to do that one person could never hope to do everything in just four years. But there are little things that one can do that will make a lasting impression. Below are some suggestions that you can consider to make your college years extremely rewarding.

1. Volunteer in the community

Most students are aware of campus organizations such as the Volunteer Center and Alpha Phi Omega, whose missions are to give back to the community. But anyone can donate time and effort regardless of membership in a club. The below opportunities can be accessed through our Web site, www.campuschronicle.org.

- The North Carolina Zoo, just south of the Triad, has a huge amount of volunteer opportunities, including Wildlife Rehabilitation and Zoo Host Volunteers.

- The Victory Junction Gang, in nearby Randleman, is a camp that gives children with serious illnesses a camp experience that they will treasure and never forget. Pit Crew members assist with programs, help run events, and serve as counselors for the campers.

- Animal shelters always need more volunteers. Whether you are a lifelong friend to nature or just a dog lover, organizations such as the Guilford County Animal Shelter will always welcome your unsolicited help. You can help future pet owners select their perfect companion, work at rabies shot clinics, or even help with TV shows that help raise awareness for pet adoption.

2. Study Abroad

Everyone knows it is a possibility to study abroad while in school. What most people don't necessarily realize, however, is how feasible it is. Granted, you'd miss out on a semester of being "wowed" here at High Point, and it isn't as well-suited for those with multiple majors, but for the majority of students it is easily attainable.

Studying abroad typically costs about the same as normal HPU tuition costs - you even pay High Point for the credits, instead of the foreign institution. Most of High Point's scholarships apply when you study abroad. The Presidential

Scholarship program now provides students with a stipend for students who choose to study abroad.

In an ever-increasing trend toward internationalization, many employers would be impressed by seeing that you have lived overseas. In the past several years, even American corporations have begun to branch out and set up premises in other countries.

The Office of Experiential Learning at High Point works with many students to try to get them a Study Abroad experience in the nation or region they desire, but there are also schools with current relationships with High Point in these countries: England, Italy, Scotland, and Wales.

3. Do an internship

Many High Point students do internships. What most do not do is an *extraordinary* internship. Here are some of the internships that are within the realm of possibility for many HPU students:

- Your favorite media outlet: MTV, ESPN, the New York Times, National Public Radio, the YES Network, and CNN each have internship programs - and they're definitely not *just* for communication majors! You can help out in video production, copy writing, editing, photography, sales, marketing, design, or just about anything you can

imagine.

- The Disney College Program: what could be better than a paid internship at Disney World? Seriously! They have a two-part program where for one semester you are a Team Member at a Disney Theme Park, performing any of numerous roles, including dressing up as Mickey Mouse or another Disney character. The second part is a second, optional semester of major-related work, known as Professional Internships. This is especially helpful for students in majors such as Communication, Recreation Management, Accounting, Marketing, and several others.

- Your favorite sports team: every pro sports franchise relies heavily on interns. Many of the top-tier teams pay pretty well. Minor league jobs are a dime a dozen, and most do not pay at all, or sometimes just commission.

There are so many opportunities available to High Point students, it is nearly unimaginable. Take advantage of those opportunities! You're unlikely to ever have a Campus Concierge or have the opportunity to study dolphins in Australia or be a DJ of a radio station ever again - so do them while you are still a student at High Point.

Straight Talk: Growth leads to success

By Dr. Nido Qubein

When you set out to succeed in life, you're not just improving your present circumstances. You're creating a whole new set of circumstances, in keeping with your vision of what life should be.

Harvard Business Review compares it with the metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly.

"A butterfly is not more caterpillar or a better or improved caterpillar; a butterfly is a different creature," noted authors Tracy Goss, Richard Pascale, and Anthony Athos.

Becoming the butterfly you want to be means putting the old circumstances in the past, and concentrating all your resources on creating the new ones.

This can be risky and scary.

You're leaving the comfort and security of the old cocoon and accepting the challenges and uncertainties of a free environment. It's natural to want to leave the path open for a return to the old ways if the new ways don't work out.

But if you leave the path open, you're quite likely to retrace it. At the first

sign of adversity, you'll give up the adventure and return to your cocoon - the life you were trying to put behind.

A butterfly, of course, cannot return to its cocoon. The moment it makes its way to the outside and flutters

its wings, it is committed to a new type of existence. Its life as a butterfly is not just a matter of what it does. It is also a matter of what it is.

"A butterfly is not more caterpillar or a better or improved caterpillar; a butterfly is a different creature."

You can shut off the path to retreat by transforming yourself into something you never were before.

The process of education can be transforming. Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr. wrote

that when a mind stretches to embrace a new idea, it "never shrinks back to its original dimensions." There is a qualitative difference between an educated person and an uneducated person, just as there is a qualitative

difference between a butterfly and a caterpillar.

Some people see their job as a necessary evil that has to be endured until quitting time sets them free to pursue their real life. Others see their careers as rewarding components of their real lives. They learn to integrate their careers and their personal lives so that one meshes with and supports the other.

Smart people take responsibility for their own success and for the success of the groups to which they belong. They see themselves as partners in prosperity with the group, and see the group's ups and downs as their own. They are constantly looking for things that they personally can do to contribute to success. And life is sweet when it is filled with both success and significance.

Letter to the editor: Consider changes already made

Dear Editor,

While I appreciate the spirit of the staff editorial in the January 30, 2009 edition of the *Campus Chronicle* ("Let's shift our focus to academics"), I feel it is important to note that the university has already taken significant steps to improve the overall academic program of the university. Please note some of the improvements within the past three years:

- Thirty-seven new faculty were hired just this year. These new faculty not only have reduced the number of adjunct faculty, but have strengthened programs and brought to campus faculty with new areas of expertise.
- The average SAT score of our entering students this year increased by over 50 points. An increase is expected next year as well.
- The Office of Experiential Learning has been developed and opened. There are increased opportunities for study abroad, internships, civic engagement, and undergraduate research.
- The President's Seminar

has been created and is required of all freshmen, giving students an opportunity to learn life skills from President Qubein himself.

- The Department of Political Science has been created.
- The Department of Fine Arts has been split in to two departments: The Department of Performing Arts and the Department of Visual Arts.
- Majors in music, actuarial science and graphic design have been developed.
- A major in entrepreneurship has been added to the curriculum of the School of Business.
- The School of Communication has been established, and a spectacular, state-of-the-art building will open this spring.
- The School of Education has been re-accredited by NCATE, the highest level of Education accreditation in the United States.
- The School of Business is in the process of being accredited by AACSB, the highest level of Business School accreditation in the United States.

- The School of Communication is developing its curriculum using the guidelines of ACEJMC, the highest level of accreditation for Schools of Communication in the United States.
- The Interior Design Program has been accredited by CIDA, the most prestigious design accreditation in the United States.
- The Phillips School of Business Building has been opened, and the Wilson Commerce Building will open this spring, giving our business programs first class facilities for first class programs.
- All academic classrooms on campus have been upgraded. New sculpture, ceramics, and life-drawing studios have been added. Classrooms are equipped with the latest in instructional technology. Faculty have been trained in the use of this technology.
- Smith Library has been renovated to better serve student needs and to house the ever-growing collections of materials that support all academic majors at the university. The

Library is now open 24 hours a day on most days to provide support to all students.

- Academic Services have expanded. Free tutoring is available in most academic areas.
- There has been an increase in the number of students going to graduate and professional schools. We estimate now that 40% of our students go immediately to graduate school after graduation.

We must clearly continue to raise the academic standards of High Point University. Like most colleges and universities, we must seriously study grade inflation, student retention and the use of adjunct faculty. We are, however, well on the way to becoming one of America's finest universities in academics as well as student services. If we are indeed to be a university of destination, we must be the best in all areas.

Sincerely,
Dr. Dennis Carroll
Vice President for Academic Affairs

A&E

HPU students rock out at local High Point restaurants

By Dianna Bell
Staff Writer

Music is a universal entity. The influence it has in our lives varies from person to person, but it remains a fixture. For High Point University students Bridget Simon and Billy Myers, music is more than just something they listen to; it's something they do.

Bridget Simon of Pittsburgh, Penn., and Billy Myers of Warrenton, Va., met this year as freshmen. They were sitting outside of Yadkin one day when Myers noticed that Simon had

GarageBand on her computer.

For those of us who are not up-to-date on our computer technology, GarageBand is a software application on Macs that allows the user to create music or podcasts.

Simon had heard of Myers before as the "boy who plays guitar." This common musical ground led to talk of jamming in the near future. After they had played together a couple of times, they had a gig lined up.

Simon had been taking voice lessons when a fellow singer set up a meeting for her with Greg Harrison, the

owner of Harrison's Restaurant. He told her she could come play that Thursday, and if the crowd liked her, she could play on a regular basis. This was in November 2008, and they have been playing there ever since.

I had the pleasure of seeing the duo myself on Feb. 12. What I found to be so amazing about Myers and Simon is that they have a unique style, yet mesh so well. Simon makes each song her own with her strong vocals backed up by Myers' skills on the guitar.

Simon has been singing all her life and been playing guitar for three

years. Myers has been playing guitar for five years and pulls inspiration from two legends in the world of music—Dave Matthews and Jerry Garcia.

The two would like to play at other venues as well. A meeting has already been set up with the String & Splinter Club, though nothing is for certain. When asked what other places they would like to play, McAlister's Deli makes the top of Simon's list.

If you haven't had the chance to check these two out, head down to Harrison's, located at 1807 N. Main St., on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m.

Listen up: good movies don't always have good soundtracks

By Jen Paolino
Staff Writer

Have you ever heard a song in a film and wished that you could play it over and over again? Well, that's the beauty of the movie soundtrack. Sometimes the greatest songs aren't found on an artists record, but on the soundtrack to your favorite movie. Here is the best and worst of movie soundtrack music.

Album Title: *Twilight Soundtrack*

What It Sounds Like: The music fits the movie extremely well; it clearly portrays the darkness and confusion that the film wishes to convey to its audience. With big-

named bands like Muse, Linkin Park, and Paramore filling the track list, this soundtrack is a must have. And for those die-hard Twilight fans, Robert Pattinson himself makes an appearance on the record, proving that he's more than just a pretty face... he can sing too.



Why You Should Listen: Even though I feel like the movie came up short, the music was this film's saving grace. It gave you something to pay attention to, aside from the choppy scenes and lack of a believable story. But, I don't want to be too harsh or anything...

Album Title: *I Know What You Did Last Summer Soundtrack*

What It Sounds

Like: The most fast-paced and chaotic summer of your entire life. But it makes room for some down

time as well.

Why You Should Listen:

If you want something to keep you on your toes and have your head shaking faster than you thought possible, then this is the soundtrack for you. With an eclectic grouping of artists ranging

from Our Lady Peace to Toad The Wet Sprocket, you'll have this soundtrack



on rotation in your car all summer long.

Album Title: *Can't Hardly Wait*

Soundtrack

What It Sounds Like:

The music you would hear pounding in the background at the most dysfunctional graduation party you've ever been to.

Why You Should

Listen: It will

totally make you

wish that you

were back in high

school. Or back

in the 90s. The music embodies every single emotion that courses through your body on the night of graduation. Songs like "Graduate"

by Third Eye

Blind and

"Dammit"

by blink-182

do a great job of

expressing those

feelings. Mark

Hoppus said it best:

"Well I guess this is growing up..."

Album Title: *10*

Things I Hate About

You Soundtrack

What It Sounds



Like: How it feels to get your heart broken. And then put completely back together.

Why You Should Listen: Because Letters To Cleo performs an amazing cover of "I Want You To Want Me" by Cheap Trick. Are there really any other reasons necessary?

Album Title: *Juno Soundtrack*

What It

Sounds

Like: A mix

of quirky-

indie pop

and subtle,

but still

slightly

annoying

background

noise.

Why You

Should

Listen:

Personally,

I was not a huge fan of this soundtrack. Loved the movie, hated the music. But, it seems as though I'm in the minority this time, as many people just adore the acoustic ramblings of artists like Kimya Dawson and Moldy Peaches. If you're looking for something that will mellow out your mood, or something that you don't really have to work too hard at, this is definitely the soundtrack for you.



Honesty in 'Coma Therapy' appeals to readers

By **Holly Iverson**
A&E Editor

His words are usually vulgar, edgy and pessimistic. He makes his opinions on life and death well-known and he's very firm in his beliefs, or lack thereof. But the honesty in Eric Victorino's prose in "Coma Therapy" is what draws many of his readers.

Eric Victorino is living a life many people dream of. He's been in a couple of bands and has written many, if not all, of his bands' songs.

He was in the band Strata for about eight years, and you can tell he's had practice writing lyrics. But his book seems to avoid the lyrical quality and takes on a fragmented one instead. His style is very similar to Charles Bukowski's, but his pieces are on some different topics.

The prose in "Coma Therapy" describes Victorino's life experiences that were often dangerous in some way. And although not everyone can directly

relate to some of the situations he's been in, his words will surely paint a picture in readers' minds. In some ways, he provides his life on paper for readers to live through vicariously.

With many of his pieces, Victorino is able to capture an emotion or thought that many people have experienced, but he's able to word it in a profound way.

Keep in mind, however, that his words and tone can be harsh. He's capable of offending even the most open-minded people.

Still, despite the seemingly negative tone of "Coma Therapy," I give the book an A-. The honesty in Victorino's prose is remarkable, but in order to enjoy the honesty, I urge readers to pursue it with an open mind.

"Coma Therapy" is Victorino's first of two books. His second is titled "Trading Shadows for Sunshine." It's very similar to "Coma Therapy," but feels a little rushed at times. Victorino essentially

had his whole life to write his first book, but took far less time writing his second.

Neither book can be purchased in stores. Websites like www.amazon.com, www.ericvictorino.com or www.myspace.com/ericvictorino provide links to purchase either of the books.

they always say
confession is cleansing
and i think
that i'd agree
but it's funny how
coming clean
can make me feel so dirty.

to know pain like this
is to cause pain like this -
to hurt someone so perfect
is to never fault again.

- excerpt from Coma Therapy"

'Street Fighter IV's' simplicity will bring back good memories

By **Jesse Cherry**
Staff Writer

Street Fighter IV- Xbox 360, PS3, \$60

Because of my roller rink's sub par arcade selection back in 1991, I was never able to enjoy the 25 cent splendor that was "Street Fighter II." It wasn't until three years later when "Street Fighter II Turbo" came out for the SNES that I was able to join in on the phenomenon. When I turned on my PS3 this last week and threw my first fire ball with Ryu, I was flooded with a wave of nostalgia that brought me back to the beat downs my brother would inflict on me on our 12 inch TV. After playing "Street Fighter IV" for 20 hours, the happy memories of my past had faded, and all that remained was an excellent game.

"SFIV" plays very similar to the game's earlier in the series. It is still 2D. Only two fighters are on the screen at one time. Most of the special moves are executed the same way they were back in the '90s. What I have always and still do love about "SF" over other fighting games like "Virtua Fighter" and "Soul Caliber" is the game's about execution not about memorizing a long string of button commands.

This isn't just a remake. The old formula has been altered enough to give the most veteran players something new

to chew on, and for those looking to just mash buttons, they can still do so with promising results.

Most of the characters are familiar ones like Ken, Ryu, and Chun-Li, but there are five brand new fighters made just for "SFIV." It would have been nice to see a couple more original fighters, but since every character has been slightly changed from the previous Street Fighters it still feels fresh.

Every feature in the game is typical; there is an Arcade mode where you get to enjoy an inchoate storyline while fighting the computer through a series of matches, a

VS mode where you can play against your friend on the same TV, a training mode that lacks a good tutorial to help beginner players, time attack and survival modes, and online play that works smoothly but lacks options like tournament play.

"SFIV" doesn't break new ground or evolve the fighting genre. It's a game that grabs the best things from the past and tweaks them to make it better. All I know is that I'm older and wiser than I was back in 1994. Thanks to "SFIV," I'll be able to get some revenge on my brother for the relentless onslaught he inflicted on me on our SNES.



'Taken' touches on a difficult, yet relevant topic

By **Jessalin Graham**
Staff Writer

Spending a summer following a rock band around Europe may be a dream of many 17-year-old American girls and traveling abroad is a great way for young adults to experience the world.

However, Bryan Mills, played by Liam Neeson in director Pierre Morel's "Taken," disagrees with his ex-wife's proposal to allow his daughter to go to Paris for the summer with her 19-year-old friend Amanda (Katie Cassidy). Mills had just retired from his job as a "preventer" for the United States government in order to be closer to his daughter Kim (Maggie Grace). The skills and knowledge he acquired from his job make him aware of the danger in such a trip, but his worry and paranoia come across to Kim and his ex-wife Lenore (Famke Janssen) as him being unfair, way overprotective, and behind the times when he refuses to sign Kim's paperwork so she can leave the country. After purchasing an international cell phone and setting a few ground rules, he finally gives in - much to his spoiled

daughter's delight.

When Kim and Amanda arrive in Paris they immediately make unsafe decisions without realizing the danger. They agree to share a cab with a suave stranger they meet in the airport which take the three to the address where the girls are staying. Amanda reveals exactly what floor they are staying on and that they are staying there alone, causing them to fall right into the hands of an evil Albanian mob that specializes in human trafficking.

Luckily, Kim's international phone comes in handy when Mills calls to check on her just as the mob breaks into the apartment to take Amanda. Mills is able to give her special instructions on what to do while he records the call on his CIA equipment. When they come to take Kim, Mills makes a vow to her captors to hunt them down and kill them. However, after his CIA colleagues research the kidnappers, Mills finds out that he only has a 96 hour window before the captors take Kim too far away to ever find again.

"Taken" is full of action and suspense along with some graphic

scenes. The combination of Mills' CIA techniques and overwhelming instinct to protect his family shines through to the audience and provides a touching picture of just how far a father will go to protect and save his child. This film is certainly an eye opener and centered around a realistic topic we should take very seriously. Human trafficking really exists, and it is a subject that rarely, if ever, comes to mind. According to the U.S. Department of Justice website, between 600,000 and 800,000 men, women and children are trafficked internationally each year. Seventy percent of these individuals are women and 50 percent are children. A number of these are trafficked into the United States and it is estimated that 200,000 American children are at risk for human trafficking, so this is not just an issue that takes place in other countries; it is happening right here at home.

As a whole, "Taken" is a well designed film that touches on difficult subjects relevant in today's world. Even though this film may

make the audience leave the theatre feeling a little paranoid, it is good for us to be reminded of the tough topics for our own good.



Gavin Degraw - Coming April 30

Annual Snowball Court



The annual Snowball dance, paid for by the Student Government Association, represented the student body with the Snowball court on Feb 21. From left to right: Victoria Baxter and Dan Costello; Jenn Hastings and Daniel Short; Leah Wilson and Matt Boswell; Nicolette Adams (Hans Hodvil not pictured); Josh Fox and Charisse Duncan. Leah Wilson and Matt Boswell were crowned Snowball Queen and King. Photo by Jesse Kiser

Gaza Awareness Week



Above: Veronica Houghton reads a poem at the performance night held during Gaza Awareness Week. Other students performed musical acts or shared their feelings about events in Gaza.

The International Club and Rotaract held a Gaza Awareness Week Feb. 16-20 where guest speakers spoke to students about the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians around the Gaza Strip. A prayer vigil and a performance night were also held to honor victims of the conflict. Left: Veronica Houghton, secretary for the International Club, holds a painting that she created for Gaza Awareness week and Manar Faraj, president of the International Club, holds a drawing that another student donated for the event.

Photos by Jesse Kiser

Housing sign-ups change Honors floor added

By **Katie Nelson**
Opinion Editor

Starting this year students signing up for housing will be doing so under a brand new system called StarRez.

The new software was added to make the housing process user-friendlier and relive some of the stress that comes with it says Sarah Haak.

The way it works is to go to www.highpoint.edu/housing and type in your username and password, which is the same one you use on all the computers on campus.

Then you complete a housing survey, which addresses issues such as smoking, tidiness, sleeping and social habits, and noise levels. The survey also asks about comfort levels with roommate situations.

These answers are compiled into a profile along with a self-made screen name and description. Under

their roommates. You can also accept other people to be your roommates through the system. If you are not sure about someone you can send him or her a message over the system and get to know him or her a bit more.

If you want to squat your current room you can also do that through StarRez. After you sign the housing contract, you are done.

In the event that you do not receive your first pick for housing you are kept on a waiting list until school starts. This maximizes your chances of being placed in the room you would like.

Other great features of the software are the immediate notification, faster turn around time, and simultaneous updates. Additionally, your space in the housing line now depends on your credit hours, not the time you sign up.

Instead of staying up until 4 a.m. to sign up for housing you can do it any time of the day and it won't affect your chances of getting your room.

By **Cathy Caudill**
Staff Writer

High Point University honors students are getting their own dormitory floor beginning fall 2009. The fourth floor of York has been reserved for students enrolled in the Honors Program.

The honors hall will be designated 24-hour quiet hours and substance free zones, according to an e-mail distributed to honors students by Sarah Haak, director of residence life. There will also be academic programs offered to the honors residents, which will be developed by the Honors Program Committee.

Such programs may include discussions on current events and presentations on law school and medical school. "It will be an opportunity for intellectual discourse," said Frederick Schneid, director of the Honors Program.

The university also plans on having one or two faculty members reside in the hall among the students as "academic mentors," according to Haak. They will be responsible for academic coordinating and holding visiting hours for students who may need their assistance. However these plans are still being worked out and may not be finalized for another two years.

Over the last several years, both honors students and parents of prospective students have made

inquiries about an honors floor. Schneid proposed the creation of an honors dormitory about five years ago, but implementation was delayed with the change in administration. Last fall, he was approached by Haak and Gail Tuttle, vice president for student life, and together completed arrangements for the dormitory so it will be available for students by next fall.

"I think that it's nice that they have a place specifically for honors students," said Abby Wood, a junior at HPU. "Fraternities and sororities have their own dormitories; honors students deserve similar privileges."

Greg Harwood, a sophomore in the Honors Program, does not plan on living on the hall, stating that the 24-hour quiet clause would make it difficult to hang out with friends and have parties in the room.

"It's important to hang out with people who aren't in the program," he said, concluding that the exclusivity of the dormitory would make this more difficult.

Students must maintain at least a 3.45 GPA in order to remain in the Honors Program. To graduate with All University Honors, a student must also acquire a minimum of 30 semester hours in honors courses, including a senior symposium.

"This is a very exciting and extraordinary opportunity for honors students and the Honors Program," said Schneid.

"I was president of my senior class, dance team captain, the school mascot, and a member of several clubs in high school. I also maintained a 3.5 weighted GPA. But because my SAT score wasn't high enough, I didn't qualify," she said when asked why she didn't apply for scholarships.

Still, the cost of attending High Point and the country's current economic woes seem to have had little impact on the number of students

applying to the university. Bills reports that the application received for financial aid jumped ten percent just this past year.

"The exciting news is that many students this year have qualified to be invited to our scholarship competition. This is a direct correlation to the academic profile increasing of students applying to HPU. Our national brand and reputation is growing," Bills said.

With the poor economy and the rising cost of tuition, some students do not want to pay the added cost that goes with living in the University Center. To live in a double occupancy room in the new building, it will cost an extra \$2,000 a year.

Sophomore Aline Kazanjian describes the new building as "way too expensive."

"I could never look my parents in the eye and ask them to spend that much for me to live in a luxurious dorm, when in my opinion all the double occupancy dorms here are very nice," she said.

A double occupancy room in the University Center costs the same as a single room in Blessing Hall, York, The Village, 6th Street, Finch or McEwen. To have a single room in the University Center will cost an additional \$4,200 per year.

House signups will be conducted with new online software program. Signups began Feb. 19 and continue through March 5. In order to participate in online registration, students must pay a \$250 housing deposit to the Office of Student Life.

Students cut expenses; adjust lifestyles due to economy

By **Andrew Realon**
Staff Writer

Students at High Point University are being more careful when it comes to spending money in a tightening economy. With the economic future in question, many students are reconsidering how they allocate the money they have.

According to a recent 360

Youth/Harris Interactive College Explorer Study, college students spend an average of \$287 a month on discretionary items. Nationally, that is a \$200 billion dollar market every year for college students alone.

The largest source of income for a majority of students is their parents. Many families, though, are feeling the effects of a national recession and have been forced to change their

spending habits.

David Werner, a freshman at High Point University, is using lessons learned at the President's Seminar taught by President Nido Qubein in order to budget his money.

"When looking at the small things, I ask myself 'Do I really need that?'" says Werner. "Instead of going out to eat, I will go to the Café."

One large market for college

towns is students who go out to eat as opposed to using their meal plan. However, students like Werner are cutting that out of their life to save money and budget better.

Another way students like Werner save money is by using their dining dollars for small necessities like plates and soap at The Point instead purchasing them at a grocery store with cash.

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You may be eligible to participate...

Men and women 13 to 50 years old with mild to moderate acne on the face are needed to participate in a research study to test an investigational acne treatment using a small hand-held device.

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- You must be in good health to be eligible to participate.
- You will be paid \$40 per visit up to a total of \$990.
- Minors need to get permission of a parent or guardian to participate in the study.

For more information, please call 336-841-1411 or e-mail dcs@northstate.net.

This study will be conducted in High Point, North Carolina.

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Staff Profile: DeSouza connects with people on campus

By **Katie Nelson**
Opinion Editor

Wellington DeSouza realized that America was going to be much different from what he had expected.

In 1994 DeSouza left the tropical land of Rio de Janeiro to attend High Point University. Upon arrival DeSouza felt like he "was on vacation permanently."

"High Point University was the most accepting environment," he said.

There was a bit of a language barrier since DeSouza's native tongue is Portuguese. He quickly broke this barrier through his love of music by learning songs in English.

Since he was four years old, DeSouza has been playing the keyboard which helped him get to know people in the music scene. DeSouza enjoys going to local venues and listening to all types of music, especially jazz.

He will listen to all types of music because he will never "throw things away without giving them a try."

After DeSouza gave America a try, he liked it so much that he decided to stay.

However language was not the only obstacle that DeSouza faced. After spending his first night in Finch Hall, DeSouza woke up to a beautiful sunny morning. He threw on some shorts and ran outside to bask in the morning sunshine.

Unfortunately, it was winter and sunny does not mean warm in the United States like it does in Brazil. Needless to say, DeSouza did a complete 180-degree turn back into his dorm to change.

DeSouza quickly fit in at High Point University. He loves talking to people and engaging in conversation.

"There's nothing more rewarding than knowing the people around you," he said.

Though he was having a great time at HPU, DeSouza missed his family back in Brazil. He would visit home every summer and Christmas break during his college career.



Wellington DeSouza, director of the Office of Information Technology
Photo by Katie Nelson

His mom, dad, brother, sister, and grandparents all live in Brazil. His brother is a doctor and his sister just became a medical student. His family now refers to him as the "non-doctor" and often teases him about it.

His career at High Point has excelled over the years. Starting as a programmer in 2001 for the Office of Information Technology, the university promoted him to director in 2003. Four years later he became vice president of information services, the position he currently holds.

DeSouza is very dedicated to his job and the university. The walls of his office are covered with blueprints of the upcoming buildings and all the technology that will go with them.

He and his 16-member team are in charge of everything on campus that has anything to do with technology. DeSouza thinks it is very "rewarding to work with beautiful minds," which he finds everywhere on campus.

DeSouza believes that the students come first, education comes second and the rest comes later.

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Sophomores Brennan Hand and Harris Walker are also making cuts in their life by conserving gas by taking the HPU Shuttle, but are not allowing the economy to affect their weekend life.

"You've got to have fun," Hand comments. "I can keep my social life the same as long as I budget my money."

Several students said that they have not stopped going to parties simply because they can no longer afford alcohol. Students say they are being smarter by budgeting their money so they will not have to adjust their social

life to the struggling economy.

According to the Beer Institute, beer sales have grown over the past few years despite a weakening economy and are projected to grow in the United States.

For students, this means cutting trips to Cook Out to keep the party in their life. Many students are willing to sacrifice the extra meals off campus and eat at the University Café more often so that they can save the money to keep on partying.



High Point University's Mu Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega would like to congratulate the 2009 Spring Pledge Class:

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Pike's Valentine's Day spent cleaning roads

Special to the Campus Chronicle

On Feb. 14, the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity participated in cleaning up East Lexington Ave. Starting from the intersection of Main St. and Lexington Ave., the Pikes picked up trash and debris until reaching their destination at Five Point Park.

All active members of Pi Kappa Alpha were in attendance. The Road Clean Up was another demonstration of the members of Pi Kappa Alpha giving back to the city of High Point. Special thanks to the High Point University Campus Enhancement for supplying trash bags and sanitary gloves.



Sorority life looks to expand

By Jourdan Cable
Staff Writer

High Point University will have a fifth Panhellenic sorority next year.

The process is underway because the school is growing and the number of women who registered for recruitment went up drastically.

During formal recruitment, which took place in January, 240 women registered for recruitment and 146 signed a bid card.

Meredith McCrea, Greek life coordinator, said with the number of women participating in recruitment, another sorority would offer more options and opportuni-

ties for women to be involved.

"We don't want chapters to be too large at a small university," McCrea said. "We need to keep the number of [women] in sororities at a manageable size. There will be more options for students and it will give other students more opportunities to find their niche."

McCrea said some sororities have expressed interest in opening a chapter.

"We've started looking into Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Delta Zeta," McCrea said.

The four nationally affiliated sororities on campus, submitted a proposal to any of the 26 other National Panhellenic Council sororities to open a chapter at High Point University.

Panhellenic Council will narrow the applicants down to three or four sororities that will then have a presentation to the High Point Panhellenic Council.

Then, they will vote and decide upon the new

sorority. The vote will be based on presentations, other chapters in the area and local alumni support.

Jessica Quackenbush, Panhellenic Council president and member of Alpha Gamma Delta, said, "The process will be overwhelming."

Adding a fifth sorority on campus will give the other sororities, as well as the new one, a chance to be more selective and choose new members who will fit their chapter the strongest, McCrea said.

Jenna Robby, Panhellenic Council recruitment chair and member of Kappa Delta, said, "I think it will challenge [the current chapters on campus] to be better."

"We'll have to be even more on top of our game because there will be even more competition."

McCrea has a formula for starting a sorority. "They would have to be a larger, more recognizable sorority. In order for the chapter to be successful, it needs to be a strong sorority," McCrea said.



High Point University's annual winter dance Snowball, paid for by Student Government Association, was hosted at Hotel High Point Feb. 21. Seniors Matt Boswell and Leah Wilson were crowned Snowball King and Queen. Pictured above they are having their ceremonial first dance.

Photo by Jesse Kiser



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Students show diplomacy skills

By Bryan Rothamel
Organizations Editor

On the weekend of Feb. 14, five High Point University students participated in the Harvard National Model United Nations Conference.

The conference is a competition between universities including Yale University, University of Cambridge, Columbia University and Stanford University. In total, over 3,000 students participated in the event.

Sophomore Desiree Abad captured one out of the four awards given in the NGO program for her representation of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

"High Point University is genuinely

recognized at the HNMUN conference as a strong asset," Abad said in an e-mail informing the university president on the accomplishments.

She continued, "We have already been asked to participate again next year, a clear sign of how valuable our students are."

Abad is president and head delegate of the Society for Political and Historic Awareness on campus.

Attending the Harvard conference has been a tradition for HPU for over the past 15 years. The conference focuses on preparation for and participation in the simulation given. Delegates work through debate, diplomacy and compromise to solve the simulation. This year marks the 55th session of the conference.

The Campus Chronicle will be your source of information for this year's SGA Elections!

Men's basketball may need help to get into the Big South Tournament

By **Bryan Rothamel**
Organizations Editor

In an ironic finish, High Point University's men's basketball team will be cheering on Winthrop Saturday, Feb. 28.

HPU (9-19, 4-13 BSC) is fighting for the final spot in the Big South Conference's men's basketball tournament. In order to claim a birth in the tournament, the Panthers need to win against VMI to help HPU's chances of getting into the postseason.

The Panthers are rooting for Winthrop to win against Coastal Carolina because any wins over higher-ranking Big South opponents will help decide any ties that might arise. Winthrop is the highest-ranking win HPU has in conference and High Point beat WU twice.

VMI is a critical game to help solidify High Point's future. The Keydets are led by identical twins Chavis and Travis Holmes. Chavis is averaging 22.2 points per game and converting on 45 percent of his three point shots.

Travis is averaging 19.4 points per game while leading the team with 5.8

rebounds per game. Combined, the twins score 40 percent of VMI's points. They are the NCAA's all-time twin leading scorers.

The Keydets are known for what Virginians call the, "loot and shoot" style of play. They play full court defense averaging 14 steals a game. VMI also shoots many three pointers. The Runnin' Roos are leading the NCAA in points per game, shots made and three pointers made among other offensive statistical categories.

The Panthers are coming off a disappointing loss against Radford Wednesday

night. High Point was leading most of the second half until the 1:20 mark when RU sunk a three pointer along with High Point's chances. HPU never recovered losing 69-64.

Nick Barbour paced HPU with 25 points, six rebounds and three assists. Barbour has scored double-digits in 10 consecutive games. In seven of those games he has scored 20 or more.

Also coming on strong lately is Gene Harris who finished with 14 points against RU. Against Longwood Harris chipped in 17 points. Jourdan Morris has scored 10 or more points in three contests while Cruz Daniels has pulled down more than 10 rebounds in three straight games.

High Point's defense is averaging just over 65 opponents' points per game while

VMI averages almost 95 points scored per game. In Lexington, Va., the Panthers lost 92-85.

Game time is set for 7 p.m. in the Millis Center. A full recap of the men's game will be on our website, www.hpu.edu.



Junior Cruz Daniels takes the ball to the basket earlier this season against Radford. Photo by Jesse Kiser

SCOREBOARD

DAYTON 4
PANTHERS 5

Baseball - 2/20

DAYTON 2
PANTHERS 1

Baseball - 2/22

PANTHERS 61
G-WEBB 57

Men's basketball - 2/14

LONGWOOD 68

PANTHERS 81

Men's basketball - 2/23

PANTHERS 60

G-WEBB 63

Women's basketball - 2/14

DAYTON 9
PANTHERS 12

Baseball - 2/21

PANTHERS 2
NC STATE 8

Baseball - 2/24

UNCA 81
PANTHERS 78

Men's basketball - 2/18

PANTHERS 64

RADFORD 69

Men's basketball - 2/25

PANTHERS 60

RADFORD 76

Women's basketball - 2/16

COMING SOON!

A seven versus seven flag football tournament will appear on campus this spring.

"Flag football and basketball are two of the most popular IM sports on campus," said Allred, whose personal favorite sport is football. Ask him and he'll tell you about his high school years playing football.

Three versus three basketball will be held every Saturday at 1 p.m. To participate, just simply show up with two buddies and some basketball shoes. There is no registration necessary.

Keep your eyes peeled! There is a chance for some IM golf and IM softball in the near future. Keep reading for updates.

IM Ultimate Frisbee, four versus four beach volleyball, and tennis are coming this spring. Also in the works is a seven versus seven flag football tournament.

Get in on the March Madness. On your way to the café stop by the Rec Center to play The Big South EA Sports March Madness Challenge Video Game Tournament.

Allred kicks off HPU career with busy two months

By **Kate Mills**
Staff Writer

Watch out! Mat Allred, the new coordinator of recreation services, has assembled a new aspect of HPU recreation: the Leisure Activities Team.

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 to 12:15 there is an on-going pool-side corn hole tournament. There will be winners daily who qualify for the Tournament of Champions.

The grand prize for at least two champion winners is a custom HPU corn hole set, each a \$175 value. No longer just for older folk, Allred also hopes to soon incorporate a shuffleboard course next to the outdoor basketball court.

The Rec Center held a parents' weekend 5K on Feb. 7. It was quite a challenge for Allred, starting his new job just two weeks prior to the 5K. Getting security and High Point Police involvement was a struggle along with assembling the 40 employees and volunteers needed to run the event.

"It would not have been possible without the full cooperation of the staff and faculty on campus," said Allred.

The winner of the 5K was Brad Miles, a prospective student, who came in

with a time of 15 minutes and 33 seconds. Shelby Robinson was the first female to cross the line with a time of 20 minutes and 17 seconds.

What are Allred's goals for the upcoming semester? Increasing the already high participation in IM sports.

"We at the Rec center are continuing to know more and more students," said Allred, who is excited about the energy on campus and loves the strong involvement of the students' Rec Center.

Want to go for a nice bike ride along the greenway? Or how about saving some money on a ride into town? Now available in the rec center are bike rentals. There are two bikes and two trikes, a brand of unique mobility similar to a

tricycle with three wheels. Allred hopes to soon get a tandem bike (a two-person bike) and a surrey (a four-wheel pedal cycle seating two-to-eight people).

Currently, racquetball and five-on-five basketball have been going strong. The participation levels are high and there are several undefeated teams.

"The participation is very

good," said Allred. "So far we have only had one forfeit."



Recreational basketball player Adam Hall shakes past a friend while playing a pickup game in the Rec Center.

Photo by Jesse Kiser

UP TO SPEED WITH IM SPORTS

Baseball opens season 2-2, wins opening series of 2009

By Mike Nuckles
Sports Editor

With first-year head coach Craig Cozart now at the helm, High Point's baseball team has begun the season with a 2-2 record, after having won a home series against Dayton 2-1 on Feb. 20-22, and suffering a loss at the hands of N.C. State on Tuesday.

High Point took the first two games of the three-game set. On Feb. 20, the team came back from a 4-0 deficit, before tying the game in the eighth inning. Outfielder Bill Manion drove in Pablo Rosario in the bottom of the 12th inning for the walk-off run.

"We were pleased with what we got (on Friday night). I think we were guilty of trying too hard early, but we settled down. To win an extra-inning game on opening night was tremendous," Cozart said.

The Feb. 21 contest also saw the Flyers race to a 4-0 lead early before the Panthers piled on 11 straight runs in the third through sixth innings. Starting pitcher Jamie Serber gave up just one hit during that same stretch. The Panthers held their ground to earn the 12-9 win.

"After an emotional win on Friday, we maintained that level of intensity. The team never wavered, but stayed consistent," Cozart said.

The final game

of the series was a pitchers' duel throughout, with HPU's Brian Jones and UD's Chris Beesley going head-to-head, keeping the offenses at bay. High Point struck out 12 batters, walking just one. Additionally, the Panthers were struck out just twice, while earning three bases on balls.

Despite getting runners into scoring position in six of the final eight innings, the Panthers went without getting a score during that stretch. The sole Panther run came in the first when Manion scored off of a Billy Alvino double.

"It was one of the oddest games I've ever been a part of. The wind was blowing strong out to left field, yet the score was only 2-1," Cozart said.

Later in the week, on Tuesday, the team took on the N.C. State Wolfpack

in Raleigh. Going up against the ACC foe, High Point took the early lead, scoring two runs in the top of the fourth inning, when Alvino and freshman Rob Gilles got RBIs. The Wolfpack came back with a vengeance, though, scoring eight unanswered runs against the visiting Panthers. Masaki Muroya, Zach Scott, and Wally Scott combined for three innings of relief pitching, allowing just one earned run without giving up a single hit.

The Panthers under Coach Cozart will be looking to keep player rotations and strategies more consistent than they have been in previous seasons.

"We want to get a set, standard rotation. Pitchers thrive when they know their role," Cozart said.

The next series for the team will be Feb. 27 and 28, and March 1, when the team hosts Temple, a member of the Atlantic Ten Conference. The games will be at 4 p.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m.,



Freshman DH Rob Gilles (left) makes contact with a ball against Dayton on Feb. 21. Gilles drove in a run against NC State three days later, on Feb. 24. Above, starting pitcher Jamie Serber delivers a pitch to the plate against Dayton on Feb. 21. Serber earned the win, giving up four runs over six innings, including giving up just one hit over his last four innings. Photos by Mike Nuckles

March brings end to basketball, fresh beginning for baseball team

By Bryan Rothamel
Organizations Editor

When the weather starts warming up, I think of two things: basketball ending and baseball beginning. I think I might be in for some good luck with both of these.

The women's basketball team is trying to start rolling again after a difficult strand of four losses. While going into the tournament 4-5 at best in the last nine games is not appealing, at least there is something to look forward to.

The Big South tournament is hosted by High Point. Another advantage is the long layover from the four game losing streak to the start of the tournament. The eight participating teams roll into High Point March 13, over two weeks since the slump.

The finals are played on March 15 and, fingers crossed, the Ides of March will be bad for someone other than the Panthers.

The men's basketball team has started finding the fountain of a mature basketball team down the stretch. Against Longwood, Nick Barbour and Gene Harris scored 18 and 17 points respectively to pace the Panthers. The outside game mixed with 12 points from Cruz Daniels and 10 points from Jourdan Morris on the inside. David Singleton dished out eight assists in the contest while chipping in six points of his own.

This balanced attack gave fans what they have been promised all year, an up and down the court attack with inside-outside offense. HPU scored 80 points and was able to overcome its 20 turnovers.

The young team is starting to figure out how to win, which becomes dangerous come tournament time. The only problem is they play their first tournament game away. Most likely the Panthers will play at Radford in the newly renovated Dedmon Center. It will be the second time in a week High Point will play at RU.

The only thing that could make Opening Day at Willard Stadium better would be about 30 degrees warmer temperature. While HPU was down four runs heading into the eighth, the Panthers came out on top scoring five unanswered runs to win 5-4 in 12 innings.

On the following day, High Point scored 12 runs, one for every inning brave fans sat through in the cold the day before. The Panthers exploded with 17 hits including a home run from Eric Marion. Not a bad day when eight players score.

The next day, while the final game resulted in a loss, starter Brian Jones gave up no earned runs in his first collegiate appearance. This season is already starting to have more excitement than previous years.

Willard Stadium saw a total attendance of 1,125 over the weekend. Not bad considering cold temperatures and a chance of rain. The numbers don't include the student section down the right field line that seemed to be lined with students every game.

Between a women's basketball tournament, men's basketball finding their flow and baseball starting, March looks like it is going to be better for HPU than it was for Caesar. Let's just raise the bar together.

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