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Media Fellows gain experience in Los Angeles

By Whitney Yount
Online Editor

In July, nine members of High Point University's inaugural class of Media Fellows flew to Los Angeles to gain a first-hand look at the entertainment industry.

The Media Fellows Program, founded in 2011 and led by communication professor Charisse McGhee-Lazarou, is comprised of eight female and eight male students from each academic year. The program was created to give a select group of communication students additional opportunities to learn about their chosen field both inside and outside the classroom.

Before joining the HPU faculty, McGhee-Lazarou served as vice president of Primetime Programming at NBC as well as Vice President of Scripted Series at Lifetime Television. Her experience in the industry has been a valuable resource to the Media Fellows over the past two years, allowing the students multiple opportunities to expand their learning beyond the curriculum.

"I am thankful for the opportunities the program has provided us," said Media Fellow Kyle Berube. "Professor Charisse McGhee-Lazarou, as our advisor and fearless leader, helped us gain access to unprecedented events."

During the Media Fellows' 15-day trip to California, they were given the chance to interact with professionals who work in all aspects of the entertainment industry. Throughout the trip, they also filmed their day-to-day activities and interviews with locals as a way to practice for

upcoming video projects during their faculty-in-residence program in Winchester, UK this fall.

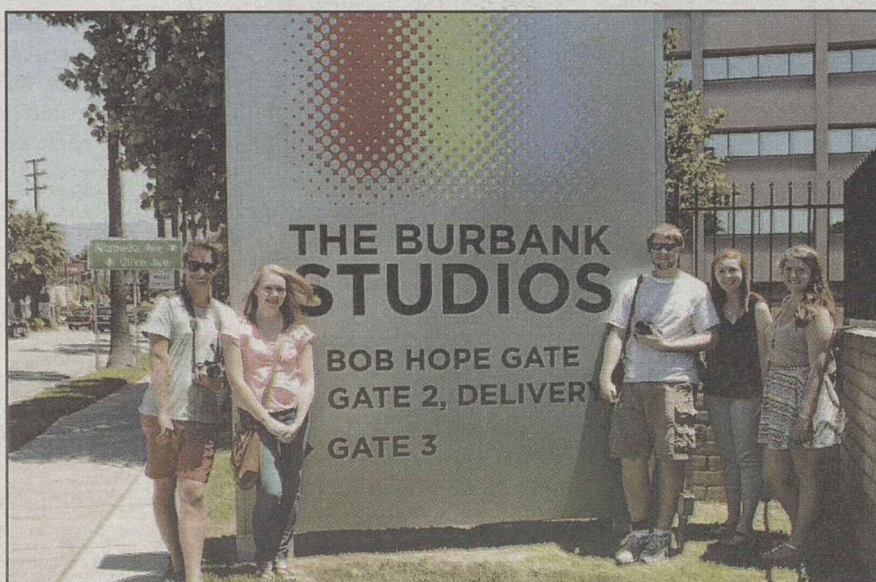
"This trip helped to bridge the gap between what we are able to learn in the classroom and what the industry is really like," said Media Fellow Kelly Schwab. "Documenting everything we did was a great experience as well and helped to prepare me for the projects we will be doing in England next semester."

On one of their first days in Los Angeles, the students visited NBC Universal to meet with Bruce Evans, the senior vice president for Current Series. Evans shared his expertise and his advice for young adults looking for a career in entertainment. He encouraged the students to ask questions about not only NBC and the television industry, but about his personal career path and the choices that led him to his current position.

The students were also able to attend a panel discussion with three members of the Hollywood Radio and Television Society, allowing them to gain a broader understanding of the different types of careers possible in the television industry, from overlooking the production of shows at a network to working at a talent agency.

During their trip to Los Angeles, the Media Fellows were also given the unprecedented opportunity of observing the Television Critics Association Press Tour as students.

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Five Media Fellows are pictured at The Burbank Studios in Los Angeles. Photo by Callie Klinkmueller.

Traveling with TOMS

By Olivia French
Staff Writer

While some students spent their summers interning at large companies, working summer jobs, or simply lounging by the pool, junior Ellen Barker went on the trip of a lifetime, traveling to Central America in June as part of a TOMS Giving Trip.

Before, TOMS Giving Trips were ex-

Campus Chapter. She was one of four people selected this way to join a TOMS Giving Trip.

Over the summer, TOMS gives shoes to children in more than 60 countries, and helps restore sight in 13 countries. Barker was able to attend one such trip, giving shoes to children in need.

Barker journeyed to Nicaragua with a group of two World Vision USA employees and 10 TOMS employees for five days as part of a TOMS partnership with World Vision Nicaragua.

Though she has done a lot of international travel and extensive community service as a brother of the co-ed service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, Barker had never attended a service trip before this summer.

"The joy and happiness of the children and families were contagious. This experience has encouraged me to reflect on everything that I am thankful for and

live a little more simply," said Barker.

The HPU TOMS Club hosts several events throughout the school year to raise awareness for the millions of children who go barefoot every day. Major events include a "TOMS Week" in the fall, featuring live music concerts, documentary screenings and information booths; and "One Day

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Ellen Barker poses with her TOMS team in Nicaragua. Photo submitted by Ellen Barker.

clusively for employees of TOMS. For the past two years, the company announced that they would give 50 "Tickets to Give" to TOMS' fans who received the most online votes, based on a 100-word essay and photos.

Rather than going through this process, Barker bypassed the voting and essay completely when she was hand-selected by TOMS because of her dedication and passion for the High Point University TOMS

HPU Security: Safety first

By Chelsie Gastright
Editor in Chief

It's finally here, the day you've been waiting for since you got the acceptance letter. It's move-in day, and you are starting your new life at High Point University, the place you'll call home

for the next four years. As with any new home, it's important you and your family feel safe with your decision.

From the moment you enroll to the moment you walk across the stage to receive your degree, the HPU Department of Security and Transportation is working behind the scenes to ensure they are prepared for anything and everything that could happen.

"High Point Security has really evolved quite a bit," says Chris Dudley, Vice President and Chief of Staff. "Our first and most important responsibility to students and parents is safety."

According to Dudley, there are several layers of security, with physical security being some of the better-known precautions. Along with the iconic gate that surrounds

all areas of HPU's campus, there are also welcome centers at every entrance manned with well-trained security officers.

Another aspect of physical security is the HPU Passport Card. It not only gives access to all buildings and dorms, but also allows students onto campus after 10 p.m. through the security checkpoints.

HPU security also utilizes communication for a broader reach to students by using Panther Alert, an emergency mass-communication system. This protocol spans every student, faculty, and staff member and consists of alerts through text message, email, and phone call.

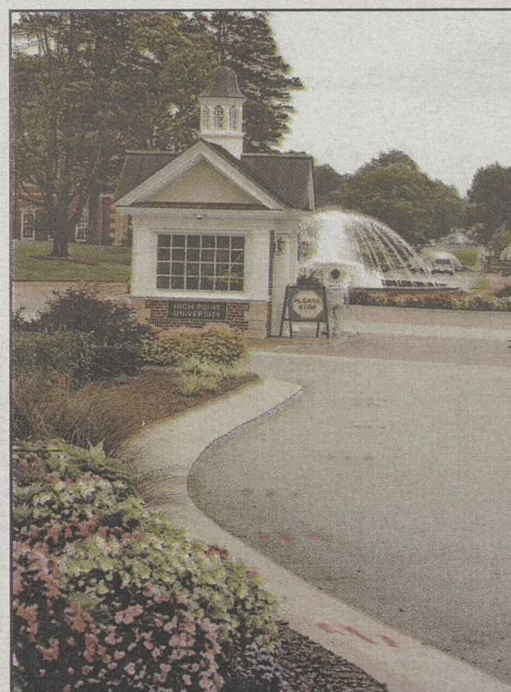
Panther Alert is used to notify the campus of severe weather, lockdowns, class cancellations and delays, and other emergencies. These same notifications are also shown through Twitter, Facebook, the university website, and the Campus Concierge emails.

In addition to Panther Alert, HPU

Security spends a significant amount of time focusing on emergency preparedness. Every semester the faculty, staff, and security personnel conduct what is known as tabletop exercises.

Dudley explained that these exercises consist of important faculty and staff sitting at a table, taking turns announcing a scenario. For example, at the

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Security kiosk at an entrance of HPU. Photo by Callie Klinkmueller.

Opinion

A Summer of Opportunity at Office Depot Corporate

By Stephanie Schwartz
Advertising Manager

Almost a year ago, during Fall Family Weekend, my dad and I sat down in the lobby of the Marriott at the airport where he was staying to submit my application for an internship at corporate Office Depot. Back then, I didn't know how important filling out that application would be. Securing the position was a tumultuous ride, waiting upwards of nine months to receive my answer. I'll rewind a little bit to put this waiting game in perspective.

I guess I was under the impression that upon receiving my application, the company would be so amazed that they had to scoop me up so no other firms hired me. Boy, was I wrong! I remember submitting my application and being overwhelmed with a feeling of, "Well, now what?" I was able to make contact with some employees in Human Resources, who so kindly held my hand through the whole process. Email after email I would send inquiring about the status of my application, and email after email they would inform me that they were still in the process of making decisions.

Over spring break I decided that I would not end up unemployed this summer, so I scheduled interviews at local communications firms, boutiques, even Panera Bread. I had to justify the last interview with my father that working in a restaurant would help my communication skills, although I wasn't too keen on advancing my career working behind a counter preparing sandwiches and salads all day. All positions I applied for called me back the next day offering me positions, to which I had to ask them for time to think. I had a gut feeling about Office Depot and I just needed to wait a few more days to hear.

I then turned a bit looney, puppy-guarding my phone with me at all times. Anytime a number with a Florida area code would pop up on my phone, I'd freak out and mentally prepare myself for the worst news possible. It was early April when I got the phone call that would lead me to this amazing opportunity. I was in

the car with my friends driving near campus when a corporate employee called, asking if now was a good time to do the preliminary screening. Of course I said yes and had two phone interviews set up for the following week. Long story short, in just four days I had passed the preliminary screening, had two great conversations with different departments and was immediately offered two positions the same

fellow interns that I know will last a lifetime. I was able to perfect my proficiency in tools such as Excel and PowerPoint. I got to taste what corporate America tastes like before I have to make my decision in May as to where I'd like to start my career.

I have a big heart and naturally I fell in love with Office Depot the minute I stepped through the doors. The thrill of feeling valued and appreciated by my team was undeniably one of the best feelings I've felt. By day two, I knew this is where I'd like to end up after I graduate. It's surreal to know that in less than a year, I could be writing an exclusive alumnae piece for this paper about how my internship helped secure me a position in a company that I am so proud to work for.

Of course, there are the days when my computer won't turn on, days when the entire company loses power or days when I didn't receive

something I was promised. It's part of life. I think one of the best parts of this experience has been learning to work with others. The real world isn't just another group assignment you turn in at the end of the semester to earn that A in the class; it's an entire company's worth and status on the line. I think for me, however, the good days so tremendously outweigh the few bad that it makes it easy to forget the silly little things. They say that if you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life. I can truly attest that I have loved my experience at Office Depot and that I was very sad to have to say goodbye, but I know this won't be the end of the road for me at this company. I feel extremely lucky to have found a corporation that I love so much and only hope that each and every one of you get to have the same experience in an internship someday!



Stephanie at Office Depot Corporate Headquarters in Boca Raton, FL. Photo submitted by Stephanie Schwartz

day. I ultimately selected joining the marketing department on a team that focuses on parents, teachers and students. I can't lie, when I finally had secured my position, I hung up the phone and jumped for joy while crying at the same time. Landing this internship was no easy feat. Nothing can better prepare you for real world experience than spending 11 weeks at a Fortune 500 company, and I was thrilled to be given the opportunity.

I won't go into the details of my everyday tasks and responsibilities, but what I will tell you is that getting out into the real world is such an opportunity to grow. I expected to be given the stereotypical intern tasks of fetching coffee and shredding old papers. Instead, I was given projects that had significant importance to my team and the company at large. I was able to interact with other teams and departments and get a glimpse of what they do. I was able to form friendships with my co-workers and

Things Fall Back Into Place

By Anne Davey
Opinion Editor

Summertime has always been my favorite time of the year. Not just because of the freedom or the downtime, but because of the promise of returning in the fall, fresh, renewed, and to familiar, smiling faces. Jetting across the globe, toiling away on the beach, or interning in the big city, the summer always has much in store for us, but the assurance of a return in the fall remains. The crisp smell in the air that signals the approach of cooler nights and the scattering of autumn colored leaves feels more academic and exciting than any other season possibly could. The feeling of fall is electric, inescapable; you cannot help but feel excited at the hint of all that is to come.



.. that old September feeling, of summer passing, obligations, gathering books and football in the air..

~Wallace Stegner
On the Start of Fall

Schoolbooks and pencils replace towels and sunblock, the rustle of leaves in the air echoes as the sound of the crickets fade away with the remains of summer. Football season unites the nation as fans or foes, the carpet is rolled out for State fairs and homecoming floats begin to take shape. Starbucks once more brings out the much-anticipated fall drinks, that only stick around for a short while but are a delicious autumn staple. Mostly though, we return again to our home away from home. To catch up with friends, tackle classes, visiting the library and settle back into our college lives.

The feeling of transition that denotes the change from summer to fall is undeniable. That first cool day in August, when the breeze rustles the trees just a little more, when you step outside and smell fall, is unmistakable. What better a season to transition from home, to our home away from home. The feeling of fall mirrors the excitement of students, and makes heading back to school after a spectacular summer just a little bit easier. Though autumn doesn't officially start until September's equinox, and though it certainly doesn't begin to feel cool here in North Carolina until then, the start of school will forever be synonymous with fall. Just as we're excited for all things fall, we return to campus, classes, and life here at High Point University with renewed enthusiasm and the promise of another amazing year.

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How did you spend your summer?



Ambassadors - Mackie Quirk and Nicole Karlesky - Spent part of the summer at HPU!



Alexis Patterson - Junior - Went to summer school and took Criminal Law and Police Operations.

Photos by Melia Sigmon

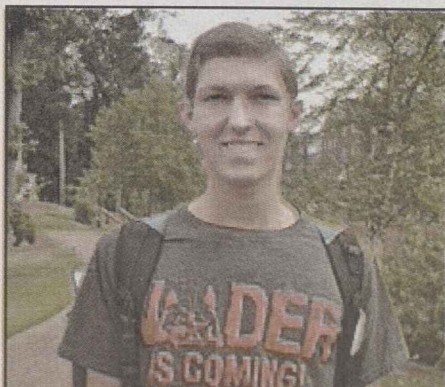
How High Point University students from across the country spent their summers!



Jacob Talley - Senior - Interned at The Vocal Company.



Craig Schneid - Junior - Spent a little time working and a lot of time relaxing.



Greyson Whitaker - Sophomore - Worked at ocean lakes beach as a recreational activities counselor.

News

HPU's incoming freshmen feel the love

By Mayeesa Mitchell
Staff Writer

Ranked No. 1 by U.S. News and World Report in the categories of Best Regional Colleges in the South and Up and Coming Schools in Regional Colleges in the South, High Point University has begun to attract more and more students to their campus. This weekend the incoming freshmen will be converging upon their new home. Although the nearly 1,300 students that make up the class took different journeys to get here, they all have one thing in common: their love for HPU.

Many students found out about HPU through their school guidance counselor or from friends who attended the school. For Maura Anne O'Brien, a Business Administration major from Pembroke, Mass., the journey to HPU began during her freshman year in high school.

"As a freshman I heard about HPU through my best friend's older sibling. She didn't apply but she got a brochure in the mail. I fell in love, took [the brochure] home and did my research. By junior year my dad could tell I was absolutely serious, so we flew down and toured the school. I was smiling ear to ear during the entire tour," said O'Brien.

O'Brien wasn't the only member of the Class of 2017 who experienced love at first sight once they toured the campus. Stephen Fay, a communication major from Bryn Mawr, Penn., said, "The walk up to the campus when you are surrounded by the tall trees and the benches that are engraved with names that are recognizable really made me attached to the school."

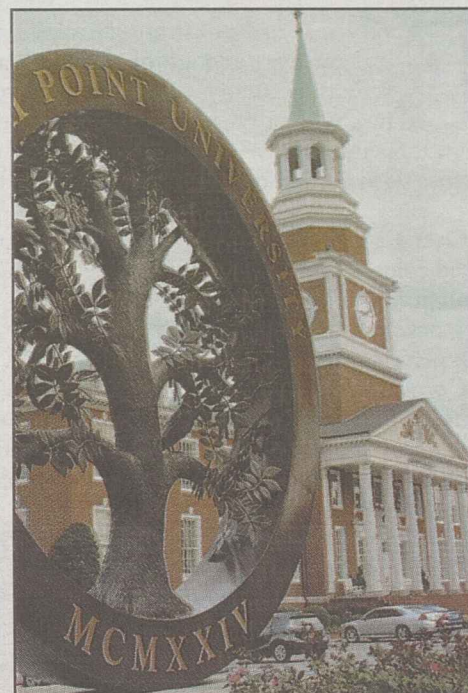
Biology major Laura Santiago agrees, stating, "When I visited HPU, the first thing that I was attracted to was the campus itself. It is a beautiful campus, and I knew I would want to study in this environment. I love how every aspect of the campus shows positivity."

Although the beauty of the campus is what first catches many people's attention, it is the positive, friendly environment that keeps them around.

"High Point [University] made me feel special and I wanted to be in an environment like that," said Gabrielle Granger, a history major. Communications major, Donté Hobbs, agreed, stating, "The people drew me in because [HPU's] community is so rich and loving that I couldn't shy away."

For HPU's incoming freshmen, the choice to be a part of the HPU community was one that was based on location, receiving a superb education and learning from involved faculty. Most of all, it was feeling that they were individuals, not just numbers on the school's roster.

Broadcast journalism major Amanda Crow sums it up best. "I chose High Point [University] because I felt like I was already a member of the family the moment I stepped foot on campus," said the Derry, N.H. native. "Every single individual I came across while I was visiting HPU gave me the impression that they loved where they were, who they were with, and what they were doing. Honestly, that's all any of us really want - to feel like we, too, could feel [loved] if we had the opportunity to learn at High Point."



The High Point University entrance and Roberts Hall. Photo by Callie Klinkmueller

From Media, page 1 Twice a year, television networks gather for a two-week event during which the producers and casts of new (and occasionally returning) shows present their television lineups to the press.

The Media Fellows were able to watch as producers and actors from NBC presented their fall shows, and they were also given the chance to eat lunch and network with members of the Television Critics Association.

"Being given the ability to observe Q and A panels with both the cast and creative taught me so much about the way television works," said Berube. "Having lunch and meeting several influential members of the TCA's Board of Directors gave me the opportunity to



Media Fellows interview in Los Angeles. Photo by Callie Klinkmueller.

pick their brains about what it's really like to be a TV critic or journalist."

Near the end of the trip, the students met with Megan Levy, the Vice President of the Lippin Group, a Los Angeles PR firm. As a vice president at only 25 years old, Levy provided a unique view of the entertainment industry and encouraged the students to work hard and dive into their chosen career path in any way possible.

"Charisse used her well-established connections, and occasionally just her guts, to make sure that we learned as much as we could about what it is actually like to work in the industry," said Berube. "She is ensuring that after we graduate, we will all be knowledgeable on the ins and outs of the entertainment industry."



Ellen Barker plays with children in Nicaragua. Photo by TOMS.

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Without Shoes," the organization's biggest event in the spring.

Barker, who is the current president of the HPU TOMS Club, would like to make the organization even stronger, with more members and bigger plans.

"The great thing about this club is that it is literally open to anyone. The other nice thing is that it doesn't require a huge commitment because we only put together a few events a school year and don't meet weekly," she said.

She added that she would like to put more of an emphasis on the "giving" aspect of TOMS, as opposed to the trendiness and material aspect that normally comes with the shoes on college campuses. For each pair of shoes bought, TOMS donates a pair to a child in need, and Barker wants that to be the focal point of the club.

As for tips, for students wanting to get involved with something similar, Barker has one piece of advice: "It's helpful to find fellow peers who are passionate about a similar cause and work together to come up with creative ideas. I am extremely grateful to TOMS Campus Programs for providing resources and ideas for our club."

For students looking to get involved with the HPU TOMS Campus Chapter, Barker and other TOMS student representatives will be present at the Activities Fair in Slane on August 19 from 4-7 p.m. Major events include a "TOMS Week" in the fall, featuring live music concerts, documentary screenings and information booths; and "One Day Without Shoes" in the spring, which honors children who go without shoes every day.

From Security, page 1 beginning of this exercise someone would stand up and say, "The time is 4 p.m. and we just got word there is a tornado barreling toward High Point. What do we do?"

"One of the things I'm proud about with everything we do at High Point University - and I'd certainly say that security is handled this way too - we don't wait for something bad to happen to put a program into place," said Dudley. "...We were already focused on safety and this just sharpens our systems."

While it's one thing to discuss an emergency with colleagues, it's a completely different story to simulate an actual event. This is where the Emergency Management position is important. HPU is one of the only private institutions in North Carolina to have a position devoted completely to emergency preparedness and management, and this past May the security team used this to their advantage.

As the first of its kind at HPU, the full-scale exercise not only included the faculty and staff on campus, but also involved the community. The High Point Police Department, fire department, EMS, and actors came together to portray an active shooter on campus.

After the drill was completed, those who participated came away with a greater understanding of how to contact students and parents in an efficient way, as well as manage

high-stress situations.

"High Point University by far has put more resources and more care and time into their security and safety, and emergency management program than any other place that I've worked," said Jeff Karpovich, Director of Security and Transportation. "I'm real proud to work at an organization that takes security and safety as seriously as we do."

Karpovich went on to explain that although it is the job of the security team members to help provide a safe environment, it is a group effort from the entire university community.

"We're all in this together. Every student, every parent, every guest on campus is or should be a member of the security team," said Karpovich. "...To rely exclusively on the folks in uniform will never be the best outcome. We want everyone to play a role in their security and safety because really everyone is obligated to."

Even though it does take a dedicated and friendly staff to ensure the safety of the students, that's only half the journey. Making smart choices and decisions while on campus creates a well-rounded security initiative. So, as you get settled into your new home, take comfort in the fact that the HPU security team is doing everything they can to keep you safe.

A&E

Polish your way to a new school year

By Jodi Guglielmi
A&E Editor

Every year nail polish masterminds put out new colors and trends, and we girls just can't get enough of them. It's a well-known fact among females that your style runs from your head to your toes—including the polish. Even every season has its own range of colors, and we obediently follow the polish rules to keep up with fashion. The new semester is one of the best times when it comes to nail polish because you can pull off virtually anything! Here are some of the top shades to try:

Orange: Just because summer is over, it doesn't mean that you can't still wear the sun-kissed color of the season. Orange is the perfect color to compliment your newly achieved summer tan. If you have a nice bronze going, try a brighter neon shade. But, if you typically have fairer skin and tans are not as easy to achieve, no worries! A lighter shade will look perfect on your nails.

Coral: This year, coral has been seen from nearly every designer in some shape. From shirts, to pants, to accessories, you can find almost anything in the beautiful pastel red-orange tint. It's become a fashion staple and rightfully so. This color looks great on pretty much, everyone and it comes in so many different shades that you can experiment all semester long!

Electric Blue: Some people might think that blue nails are overdone and can come off as tacky, and they aren't wrong. Blue is a color that has the ability to easily look awesome or awful. But while navy and sky blue can look rather drab on nails, nothing makes your hands stand out like an eye-catching original shade of electric blue. Just shy of neon, electric blue will set you apart from the other shades of blue and give you a fresh take on an old trend.

Gold: From the beginning of this year, gold has risen as a prominent color in the fashion world. It only makes sense that if it looks good on clothing that it can also look good on your nails. The great thing is that, like coral, there are many different shades of gold you can play with. If you are feeling daring, try metallic! But if you want to remain low key with your color selection, a simple yellow-tinted gold could be the perfect shade for you.

No matter what shade you choose, the new semester is the perfect time for experimentation! Try a new color each week or find one you love and make it your fashion signature of the season. It is all about figuring out what works best for you.



Dior Electric blue nail polish. Photo by www.lacquerwear.com

Must see summer documentary: 'Blackfish'

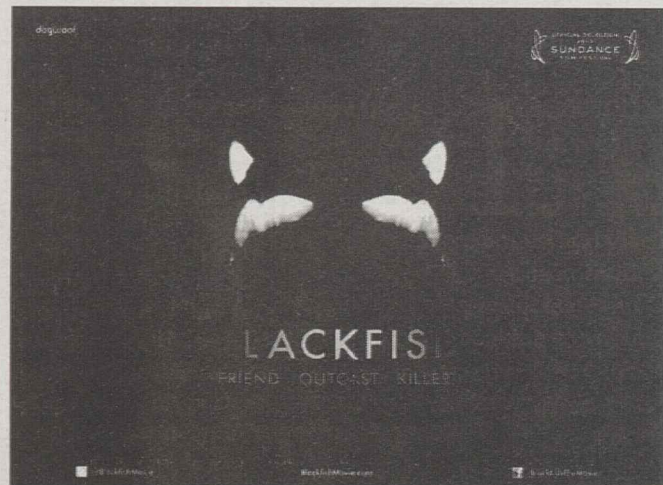
By Jodi Guglielmi
A&E Editor

If you say the name SeaWorld, nearly everyone in the world will know exactly what you are talking about. The marine theme park is well known for their glitzy display of marine animals from sea turtles and stingrays to dolphins and killer whales through shows and exhibits. SeaWorld has become one of the most popular tourist destinations in the country and brings in millions of dollars every year.

But for decades, animal activists have been arguing that this is blood money. "Blackfish," a new documentary about the well-known theme park, might finally prove them right.

Directed and produced by Gabriela Cowperthwaite, the film follows the story of Tilikum, a killer whale that made headlines in 2010 when he caused the death of senior SeaWorld trainer Dawn Brancheau.

As the documentary leads you through the events leading up to Brancheau's death, it also looks at the larger issue of whale captivity and how Sea-



The official movie poster for the Sundance Film Festival documentary "Black Fish." Photo by www.blackfishmovie.com

World has neglected the animals and staff, consistently putting them in danger to make a profit.

Through the voices of former trainers and whale experts, a narrative of regret and previously believed lies point to a gap between SeaWorld's public image and the dark, behind-the-scenes reality.

The film shifts between Tilikum's scandal at SeaWorld and other park related deaths that were covered up. The film utilizes shocking video footage to uncover the truth about each said event and expose the lies told by SeaWorld. While SeaWorld refused to comment in the documentary, staff and tourist video shooting shows clear evidence of neglect. This is the kind of documentary that will have you gasping out loud throughout the film.

"Blackfish" could be the catalyst for real debate about whale captivity. It puts a lot of evidence in the hands of those arguing against the continued captivity and show performance of these animals. This documentary could potentially change the way people view SeaWorld forever.

Brianne Conley talks fashion, style and success on her blog Trunk Show

By Anne Davey
Opinion Editor

The blogging world is laden with beautiful girls, modeling gorgeous outfits in exotic locales, looking cool calm and collected, all the while making you covet their killer ideas. Most blogs are run by 20-somethings who spend their time modeling and traveling the world, their life remaining a far-fetched dream for the average college girl. Every once in a while, though, a blog comes along that is refreshing, accessible and inspiring. With clothes to die for, and a gorgeous blogger at the helm, Trunk Show is that rare gem in the blogging world.

Trunk Show is the blog of High Point University student Brianne Conley, who is a strategic communication major and an avid fashionista. Drawing inspiration from blogs, Pinterest and Tumblr alike, Trunk Show's star Conley emulates the style of some of her favorite blogs, with a twist that's all her own. Her style is every bit as bright and energetic as her blog posts, making Trunk Show a must for all lovers of fashion.

Blogs like Atlantic-Pacific, Song of Style and Sincerely Jules rank among the favorites of this new comer blogger who started Trunk Show just over six months ago. The blog was born of a lifelong love of fashion, and a serious appreciation for fashion blogs. With the support and encouragement of her friends and family, Trunk Show became a reality in December 2012.

The heart of the blog's style lies within simple outfits. Basic but beautiful pieces of clothing, made to stand out with an overload of accessories, eye catching purses and to-die-for, always fun shoes.

Classic outfits take a fun and youthful spin with an overload of bright and colorful accessories, pop of color purses and stand out shoes. The blog is simple in its design while still consistently interesting and innovative. Trunk Show features collaborations with other bloggers, alongside posts that highlight a specific brand. A majority of the outfit posts are complete with linked sites where similar wardrobe pieces can be purchased, bringing a Wanelo-like touch to the blog, making the Trunk Show that much more accessible for readers who covet her killer pieces.

Trunk Show is a fun and creative outlet for Conley and her readers. When asked about her favorite part of launching her blog, Conley replied that after the initial hurdle of getting the blog started, she's really enjoyed seeing how popular certain posts are because it shows how her audience is reacting to her style. Her most favorite parts of blogging, though, is using her creative outlet to reach a variety of people and brainstorming outfits to put together for Trunk Show.

Fresh off of a recent internship at American Eagle, where Conley was named 'Best Dressed' of the interns, she's ready for a career in styling, with heavy emphasis on product and trend. Shadowing a stylist at American Eagle once a week this summer was a tremendous opportunity she says, one that helped her decide she wasn't quite as interested in the business end that merchandising entails. Her experience this summer helped her to decide which aspect of fashion she's most interested in, and will hopefully open doors for a career after graduation. The fact that she's both overwhelmingly nice and humble while being incredibly stunning makes her a perfect fit for her chosen career, but her keen eye for gorgeous pieces and killer everyday style tie it all together.

Conley's words of wisdom for creating a personal style are simple: "Be yourself. If you like what you're wearing, it doesn't matter what others think. Everyone has a different sense of style; that's what makes fashion so interesting."



Bri Conley modeling one of her outfits for her blog Trunk Show. Photo by btrunkshow.blogspot.com/



Bri Conley modeling one of her outfits for her blog Trunk Show. Photo by btrunkshow.blogspot.com/

Blogger Profile - Trunk Show

- **Name:** Brianne Conley
- **Blog:** <http://btrunkshow.blogspot.com/>
- **Hometown:** Pittsburgh
- **Major:** Strategic Communication

- **Designer Favorites:** Valentino, Chloe, Alexander Wang
- **Go-To Piece:** A classic white t-shirt "White tee and jeans always looks good together and never fails."
- **Stores you love:** Nordstrom, JCrew, Anthropologie
- **Favorite Blogs:** Atlantic-Pacific, Song of Style, Sincerely Jules

Organizations

CAT pairs with HPU Diversity Club to bring Dear World to HPU

By Savannah Simons
Organizations Editor

On Sept. 4, the High Point University Diversity Club will be pairing up with the Campus Activities Team, otherwise known as CAT, for an exclusive event featuring Dear World, a business, art project and social experiment rolled up into one organization. The event, which takes place during Wednesday Night Live, brings Robert Fogarty, founder of Dear World, to HPU.

Dear World started as photographic love notes to New Orleans, showing people who know what it's like to lose something that they have not lost a voice. Fogarty will ask our students to write a meaningful message on their body (hands, forearm, etc.) to share with others and then take a picture of the student displaying their message. After gathering photos of student messages, Fogarty will compile them all together for a presentation in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center. The purpose of the event is for people within the HPU community to come together and share connections with one another, and spread messages important to people.

CAT reached out to the HPU Diversity Club in order to have them participate in the event.

"When CAT approached us with the idea, we immedi-

ately wanted to get involved," said Matthew Burns, president of the HPU Diversity Club.

HPU Diversity Club, which was founded in September 2012 by Burns, Marissa Pierre and staff adviser Keishea Boyd, is a chartered student organization.

"When I came to HPU my freshman year, I was surprised that there was not a club that celebrated different cultures, religions, ethnicities, etc., so we decided to start a club," said Burns. "The purpose of the Diversity Club is to educate the High Point Community, embrace our differences and similarities, and provide a welcoming environment for all students."

Since its founding, the HPU Diversity Club has organized numerous events to spread awareness of different issues our world and community see each and every day. Events such as Black History Month gave the HPU Diversity Club the opportunity to plan a trip to the International Civil Rights Center & Museum in Greensboro. HPU Diversity Club also promoted National Diabetes Awareness Month by preparing small samples of food that would be acceptable for a diabetic and distributing them to students and faculty at the philanthropy table in Slane Student Activity & Fitness Center. Flyers with information about diabetes and health tips were also made available to students in order to spread awareness.

"Each program and event hosted focuses on one or more of these seven cultural identifiers: aesthetics, socio-

economic status, sexual orientation, ethnicity/race, gender, ability/disability, and religion," said Burns. "At every meeting, we open with an activity pertaining to one of the cultural identifiers listed above."

If interested in joining the HPU Diversity Club or attending an event, any student is welcome free of charge so students can join by simply attending an event or meeting and expressing interest.

"This would be an excellent club for freshmen to join because it allows them to immediately get involved on campus and meet new people," said Burns.

For both Burns and Pierre, diversity is an extremely important factor in their lives. The club enables them and its members to become educated on different cultures, religions and other identifiers.

"Diversity enriches the unique atmosphere that encompasses High Point University which is why Matt and I thought the club would be a great addition to campus," said Pierre. "Diversity awareness is important because it allows individuals to connect with others through shared similarities, but also learn from one another's differences."

For more information on the HPU Diversity Club, please contact Matthew Burns at burns110@highpoint.edu. In order to learn more about the Dear World event Sept. 4, please contact Cassidy Cloyed at ccloyed@highpoint.edu or visit www.DearWorld.me.

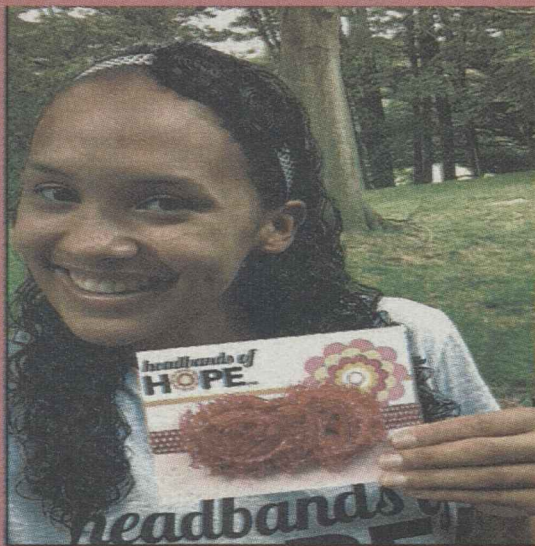
Headbands of Hope campus representatives spread awareness

By Savannah Simons
Organizations Editor

Headbands of Hope, an organization that donates a headband to a girl with cancer and \$1 to St. Baldrick's for each headband purchased, now has three campus representatives: Jasmine Williams, Erin Sullivan and Ali Williams.

Jessica Ekstrom, a student at North Carolina State University, founded the organization after interning for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Western North Carolina. While encountering many young girls who lost their hair due to chemotherapy, Ekstrom noticed most girls liked to wear headbands rather than wigs. Inspired to give them a way to keep their feminine identity, Ekstrom launched Headbands of Hope, bringing dozens of colorful and bright headbands to choose from to girls' beds.

Jasmine William and Sullivan heard about the organization after researching the website and joined Ali Williams, the first High Point University representative for Headbands of Hope, to help spread the word and become



One of High Point's campus representatives, Jasmine Williams, is wearing the black chevron sunflower headband, and the Headbands of Hope T-shirt. Photo by Jasmine Williams.

campus representatives.

"I really loved that the organization was founded by another college student," said Jasmine Williams. "I think that's what really inspired us. We wanted to do our part to help her [Ekstrom] make Headbands of Hope grow even more."

Since its founding last April, Headbands of Hope is now apart of over 20 college campuses. Jasmine, Sullivan and Ali promote, advertise and sell for Headbands of Hope. All three are also responsible for bringing the donated headbands to hospitals to give to the girls who are battling cancer and enduring rigorous chemotherapy treatments.

Visit HeadbandsofHope.org for online orders and use the promo code "jasminehope," "Sullivanhope" or "highpointhope" for a discount. Headbands will also be sold at the University Center philanthropy tables throughout the academic school year.

Follow HPU's Headbands of Hope Twitter and Instagram pages at [HPUHeadbands](https://twitter.com/HPUHeadbands) and like them on Facebook for updates and giveaways.

Teachers of Tomorrow volunteer within the High Point community

By Savannah Simons
Organizations Editor

In 2006, Teachers of Tomorrow was founded by a small group of students who felt the need for a club on campus that was focused on future educators. The non-profit organization volunteers at local schools to promote networking between those pursuing a career in education, volunteer their time in the community and on campus, and give back to both faculty and students that allow TOT to use their schools.

Allison Smiley and Sydney Breslow, TOT's current High Point University chapter presidents, say TOT is not only an organization for future educators but for anyone looking to volunteer or get involved in their community.

"..to promote networking between those in the field of education, volunteer in the community and on campus, give back to the students and faculty.."

**~Mission Statement
Teachers of Tomorrow**

"I personally would like to encourage more students, especially non-education majors, to join this group so we can take on bigger projects and help the community that much more," said Smiley.

Smiley says she first joined TOT in order to get to know other education majors while giving back to schools within the High Point area.

"Teachers of Tomorrow is great because it is hands on work," said Smiley. "We are not simply raising money to send to these schools but going there

they chose would receive a classroom makeover.

"Once we chose Ms. Marshall from Kirkland Park Elementary, we decorated her classroom to make it bright and vibrant," said Breslow. "We also purchased an iPad for her and created a new reading center for the classroom with new books, two bean bag chairs and a rocking chair."

Breslow says what really stood out to her and made her want to become a part of TOT was the club's passion for performing service that helps teachers and their students within the High Point community.

During the 2013-14 school year, TOT hopes to invite the Teacher Cadets from a local high school to come to campus, visit the School of Education, have lunch with members of TOT, and potentially sit in on a class. TOT also plans on hosting social events this coming year such as a holiday party, service projects such as adopting a child in need during the holidays, and organizing another classroom makeover.

"The service and leadership opportunities that TOT offers are truly amazing," said Breslow. "I feel that Teachers of Tomorrow makes a substantial difference in the lives of the people in the community that we help and hope that all education majors get involved in TOT because it is truly an inspiring organization."

If interested in joining TOT, please contact Allison Smiley at smilea10@highpoint.edu or Sydney Breslow at bresls10@highpoint.edu.



Students participate in the classroom makeover. Photo by High Point University.

directly to volunteer and work with the faculty and students, which I think that's what makes this organization really special."

TOT not only helps students and faculty throughout the community, but holds programs and events such as classroom makeovers and service events. Last year, TOT emailed principals at local schools asking them to nominate a teacher and whomever



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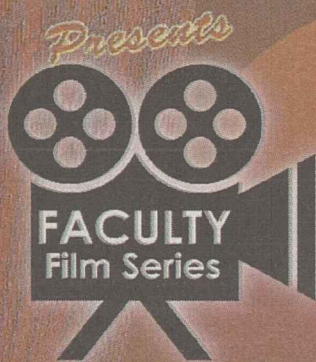
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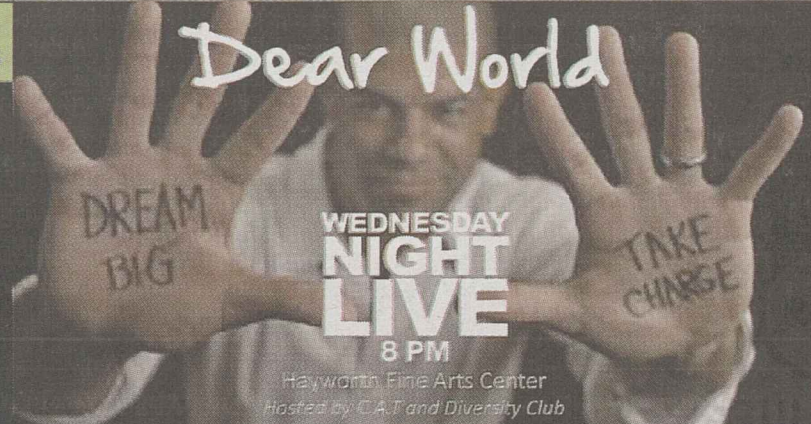
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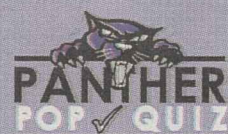
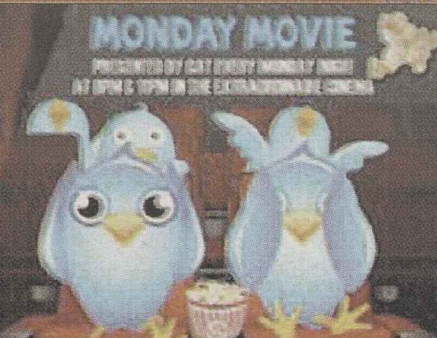


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Hayworth Fine Arts Center
7:30 pm

CES EVENT 17
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MOVE IN
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Vert Soccer Stadium, 7 pm
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7:30 pm
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Slane Pool, 9 pm

CES EVENT 18
Convocation
Millis Center, 9 am
College Empowerment
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LATE REGISTRATION

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Risky Business
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CLASSES BEGIN

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Chapel Service
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Hayworth Fine Arts Center
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Outdoor Movie
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Hayworth Fine Arts Center
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Extraordinaire Cinema
5 pm
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Extraordinaire Cinema
9 pm
Panther Pop Quiz
Café, 10:10 pm

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COLLEGE COLORS DAY
Study Abroad Fair
10 am – 2 pm
CATFLIX
Extraordinaire Cinema
10 pm

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LASER TAG
Slane Outdoor
Basketball Courts
8 pm



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Sports

Are you ready for Panther Basketball?

By Kevin Russell
Staff Writer

It's only August, and yet it's never too early to start thinking ahead to the college basketball season. The High Point University athletic department recently released the 2013-14 schedules for both the Men's and Women's teams and there is plenty to be excited about if you are a Panthers fan.

Last season, both teams put together strong campaigns and made strong runs at NCAA tournament bids. The men's team won their first ever regular season conference championship, and the women finished off their fifth consecutive winning season. Both teams return a ton of talent from last season and both schedules will feature stern tests.

The Men's squad this year will face an extremely tough slate of out of conference games as Coach Scott Cherry and his staff know that this team has the talent to compete on the highest level.

The most notable out of conference games this year for the team include contests against ACC newcomer Syracuse University, Big East member Georgetown, and Arkansas, a member of the SEC. All three of these programs have won National Championships and will all provide stern tests for the Panthers.

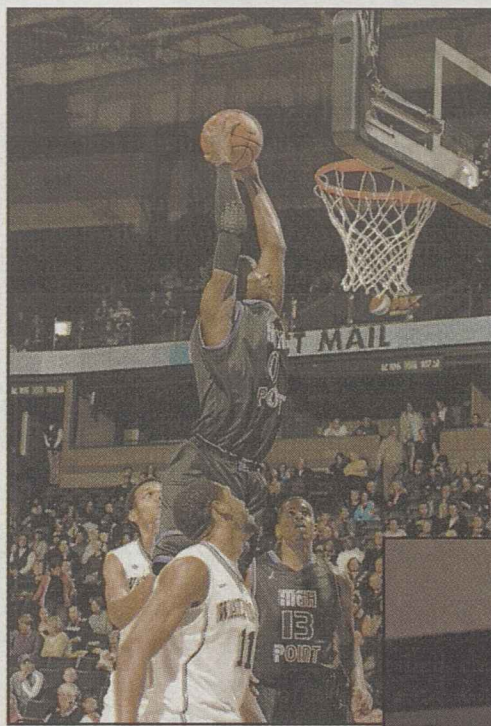
Other notable out of conference games for the men include home contests against James Madison University and an opening night tilt against UNC-Greensboro in the Greensboro Coliseum.

Women's basketball coach Deunna Hendrix and her staff have also done a good job putting together an extremely challenging out of conference schedule. Hendrix is facing the challenge of having a much younger team this season, but still made sure her team was battle tested come March.

There are many interesting matchups this year, but the two biggest ones will come against ACC foes Virginia and North Carolina. The Panthers will take on Virginia on Nov. 9 and UNC on Dec. 21. In between these two high profile tilts, the Panthers will take on many other high quality teams including Davidson, USC Upstate, William and Mary, and UAB.

Panthers' fans should be extremely pleased with the two schedules put together by both coaching staffs. They both include many high profile matchups as well as teams with different styles of play that will get our teams ready come March.

The biggest thing to remember when looking at out of conference schedules at this level is, will it prepare the team enough come March? In this case, the answer is yes for both teams.



Top left: John Brown, Redshirt Sophomore, goes in for the dunk against Wake Forest University during the 2012-13 season. Photo by High Point University Athletic Department



Bottom right: Sophomore Adam Weary guards the ball against Liberty University in the 2012-13 season. Photo by High Point University Athletic Department

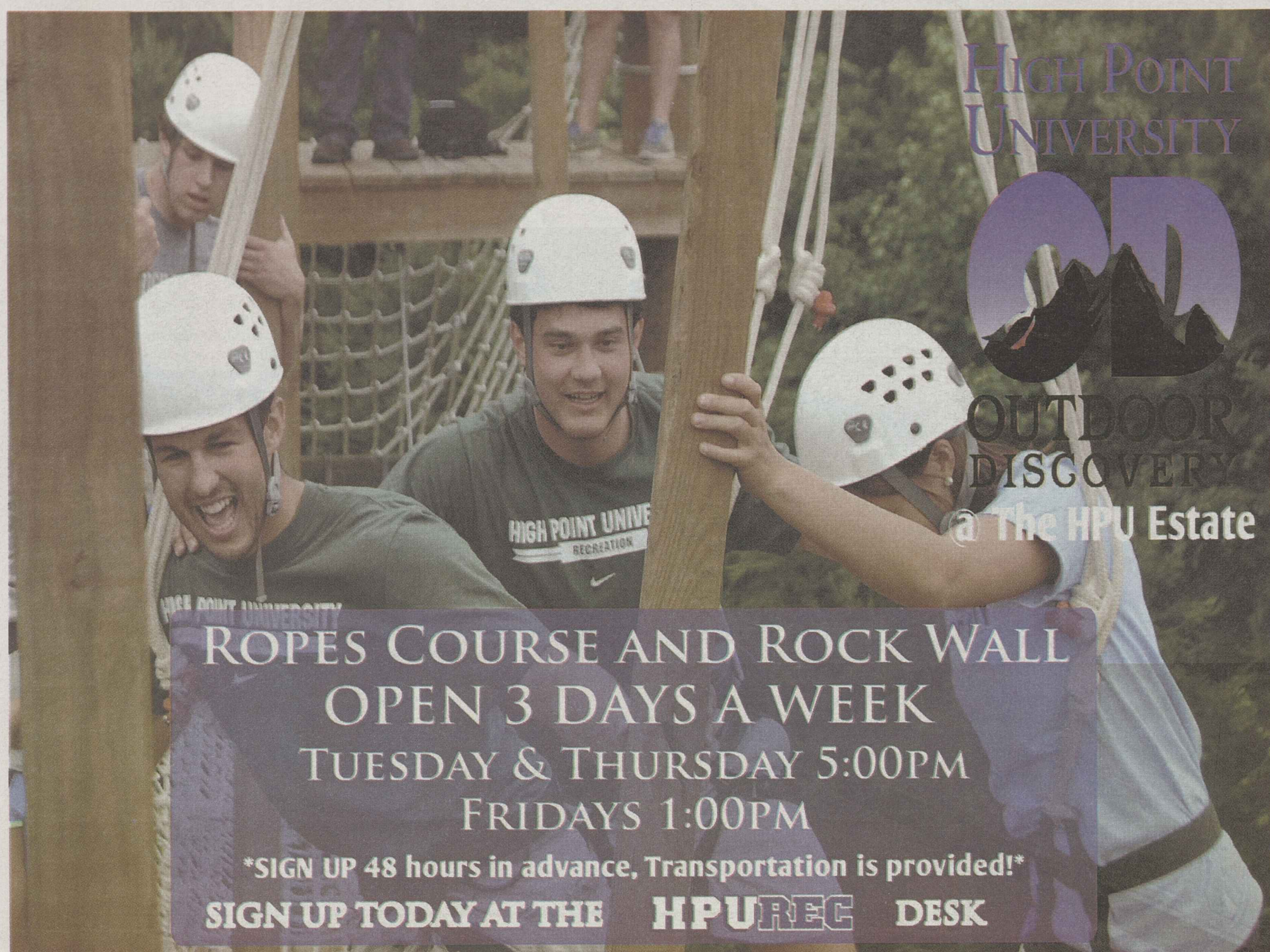
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Looking Ahead in Sports



HPU recognized as a 'Top Value' university

By Savannah Simons
Organizations Editor

High Point University has recently been recognized by Affordable Colleges Online as No. 4 out of 36 private colleges in North Carolina for the best lifetime return on investment behind only Duke, Wake Forest and NC Wesleyan. HPU was ranked No. 8 overall.



Photo by affordablecollegesonline.org.

Affordable Colleges Online based their rankings on the cost of tuition, the average starting salaries for graduates, and ROI calculation provided by PayScale, a salary data collection organization. ROI, otherwise known as Return on Investment, calculates and sifts through sources that accredit colleges and universities for their high quality education within the state of North Carolina. In order to be considered a High ROI College, Affordable Colleges Online compiles a list of schools through federal sources that analyze and collect

data related to education, such as NCES and IPEDS.

What does this mean for current students and recent graduates? It means that as a student, you will have a good return on your investment, assuring that students at HPU are being prepped for the competitive global marketplace upon graduation.

"The award gives HPU recognition for the value of our undergraduate education and all the opportunities we provide for students who, once they move on and graduate from the university, have all the things that we advertise: real world experience, practical application, and life skills," said Joe Cristy, Director of Recruitment. "It's really an honor that a lot of surveys of recent grads turned in from High Point University state how successfully they have transitioned from High Point to the real world."

According to a survey of recent graduates, respondents indicated that more than 51 percent got a job, with over 35 percent of recent graduates obtaining a job less than a month after graduating. For HPU graduates, the average starting salary is \$39,300, according to Payscale.com.

"It [the Top Value award] is meaningful to HPU and our students and families because it validates that what we are doing is paying off for graduates in their careers," said Andy Bills, Vice President for Enrollment.

For more information, visit www.AffordableCollegesOnline.org.

Rev. Preston Davis hired as HPU's new campus minister

By Jodi Guglielmi
A&E Editor

Every year, High Point University works to improve the quality of student's experience in all aspects of life on campus. This year, that meant bringing on a few new faculty members to help enhance academic and personal growth.

One of the newest additions to the HPU family is Rev. Preston A. Davis. He will serve as the Minister to the university, in which he will help foster religious life on campus, help students connect to a faith tradition, and will be performing the duties of a minister.

"My task is to always help take our daily lives and to ask who might God—the source of perfect love—have us be?" said Davis. "When I put it that way, it's an intimidating task, one I approach with humility and gratitude."

Prior to accepting his position at HPU, Davis served as the Pastor to First United Methodist Church in Bessemer City, NC for two years. There, he was able to grow as a Pastor due to the tight relationships he was able to form in the small town.

His background in the United Methodist Church is one reason that he was drawn to HPU, a United Methodist affiliated university. And like many other faculty members, Davis couldn't help but be drawn to the unique, yet inspiring atmosphere that HPU creates.

"HPU approaches education in a way that helps students envision the possible. It's not simply that the future has many possibilities for them, but that they are the possible," said Davis. "It's a school gifted at helping students believe in themselves. I'm

grateful and excited to be apart of that effort."

During his time as HPU, Davis hopes to help students strengthen and find their own personal relationship with God, by helping them view the world as a place defined by compassion and generosity. He also wants to help further connect HPU's multi-faith



Rev. Preston Davis. Photo by Melia Sigmon.

campus while residing over weekly services in the Charles E. Hayworth Sr. Memorial Chapel. He believes that individual faith can grow by learning from other religions traditions and beliefs.

"We'll not only deepen our religious literacy...we'll also discover more about our own selves. What a gift that would be," said Davis.

Gen. Colin Powell to Speak at 2014 Commencement

By Anne Davey
Opinion Editor

Colin Powell is known for many achievements. Far reaching and monumental in scope, they include being a four-star general in the United States Army, serving as the 65th Secretary of State, and being the first African American to ever hold that position.

Powell also served this nation as the National Security Advisor and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. With an unparalleled resume and accolades abound, Colin Powell is not only an American icon, but a legend.

This May, added to the list of his achievements will be High Point University Commencement speaker. This extraordinary leader will preside over the Class of 2014's graduation ceremony. He joins the ranks of other extraordinary men and women, athletes, actors, and businessmen such as Bill Cosby, and Steve Wozniak, and political figures like Laura Bush. Powell's impressive military and political history makes him stand out in an already impressive line of commencement speakers.

"HPU's faculty and the class of 2014 were surveyed and expressed overwhelming interest in General Powell as our next commencement speaker. General Powell's service to

our country serves as a great example for our students. His story will be an inspiration to us all," said president Qubein. Students and parents alike responded to the news with excitement and much commentary. High Point made

"...there are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.."

~Gen. Colin Powell
2014 High Point University
Commencement Speaker

the initial announcement via Facebook this August, just in time for the start of the 2013-2014 academic year. Junior Class President Alex Nelson said of his initial reaction was that, "Colin Powell is a marvelous example of love of country - one of the values we are taught at High Point University." Many echoed this sentiment, as the of-

ficial announcement was shared across Facebook. Powell was chosen by a variety of members from across the High Point community and, and HPU administration says he is a fantastic example of all that High Point instills in their students.

"General Colin Powell's service and dedication to our country reflect many of the values we promote at High Point University," said High Point University president Dr. Nido Qubein in a university press release. "As we prepare our students to experience lives of both success and significance, his story will surely inspire positive action."

The message of positive action is not only one that Powell has embodied throughout his lifetime of service, but also one that High Point continually strives to instill in its students throughout their tenure at the university.

Powell has a tremendous amount of experience and has undeniably lived a life of significance and success, leaving behind a true legacy. His words are sure to echo well in the hearts and minds of High Point students as they walk across the stage in a few short months to receive their hard earned diplomas. No stranger to hard work and perseverance, Powell's story resonates with the student body. Commencement will be held May 3, 2014, where student, family and faculty will hear his address to the graduates on the lawn of Robert's Hall.

Opinion

Pro Versus Con: New furniture and look for the Slane Student Center

For New Furniture

By Kaitlyn McCracken
Staff Writer

As returning students and freshmen arrived at High Point University for the 2013-2014 school year, many changes around campus were observed. Perhaps one of the most noticeable changes was the look of the Slane Student Center. The older, used furniture has been replaced with newer, cleaner furniture. The new furniture greatly enhances the appearance of the building, as well as provides more multi-purpose seating areas for students to relax, hang out with friends, and meet for group projects.

The Slane Student Center now features a brighter look that adds more vivacity to the interior of the building. The splash of color gives it a more modern feel, and features a variety of colors like the school's color of purple, as well as greens, blues and rainbow flooring. There is also more variation than before, which catches the eye and interest of students walking into Slane looking to get some work done, or to have lunch with a friend or grab Starbucks. Immediately upon walking into Slane, the new look piques your curiosity. Whereas the old furniture began to tear, age and appear more drab, the new furniture is fresh and in tip-top shape, looking bright and inviting to students.

Besides being aesthetically pleasing, the new furniture is also more practical than its predecessor. There is also a greater variety of furniture, rather than regular chairs or couches. Roger Clodfelter, vice president of communications at HPU, says, "The wear and tear of the old furniture made the change necessary. The furniture selected to replace the aging furniture answered a demand for additional locations for students to connect, collaborate and hang out." The new furniture makes it more convenient for students to gather together to socialize and



Some of the new furniture in Slane Student Center. Photo by Allie Dearie.

work in larger groups.

Clodfelter adds, "Providing outlets for laptops and mobile devices and integrating multiple seating options (community counter-height table, circular seating, café seating, etc.) offers a variety of functional seating options. For more intimate dialogue, the 'headphone' booth seating placed around the atrium railing is a great option." Students now have more options of where to sit depending on the purpose, and it provides more comfortable seating arrangements as well.

The new furniture in Slane offers variety to students that are both visually interesting and practical. The change provides more opportunity to work together in groups and utilizes technology more effectively, allowing for better communication among students. It also makes for a more fun and collaborative environment. Slane is busy as ever, making it obvious that the students are enjoying this change. There are more and more people coming every day to enjoy the new look and company of others.

Against New Furniture

By Tatiana Kresefky
Staff Writer

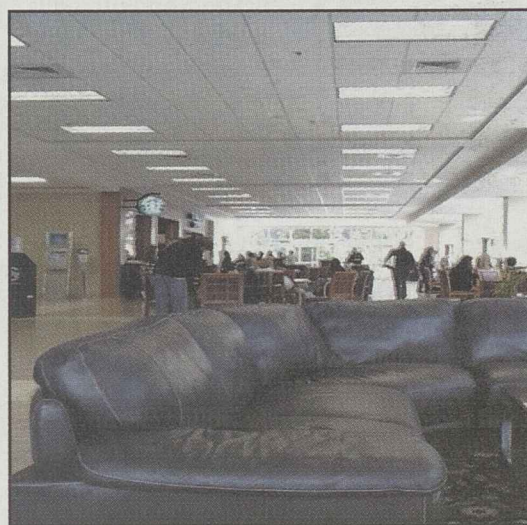
The Slane Center is the heart of High Point University's campus. Many students, me included, go there to see friends, study or grab some lunch. However, some recent changes have made Slane less welcoming. Slane used to have big comfy recliners, leather chairs grouped around coffee tables, and large round tables lining the room. This year, there are restaurant style booths with tables and plastic chairs around them, new tables that look like they're from outer space, and the entire room is brightly colored. What was the reasoning behind such a drastic change? I asked Roger Clodfelter, vice president of communications, and he said, "The furniture selected to replace the aging furniture answered a demand for additional locations for students to connect, collaborate and hang out." I feel that the new design does just the opposite.

My friends and I used to go to Slane to relax in the large comfy chairs. They were even big enough to fit two people, al-

though we didn't need to because so many were available. Now the chairs are much less comfortable, they are stiffer and not as inviting. Since there are now booths and open seating, Slane is less of an intimate place to be. I also used to enjoy being able to go sit at the tables to do homework or study. Usually, two people with all their stuff could easily fit at the tables. Now, the tables that replaced them are so small that my textbook and computer both can't fit on it. These tables take up more space, but provide less work space. They might look cool, but they aren't as practical as the old ones.

The color scheme of Slane is also very different this year. In the past, the tables were all dark brown wood; the chairs were either dark brown or black. These colors brought a sophisticated feel to a very relaxing setting. Now, the colors are bright and in your face. Green, blue, red, yellow, orange... the new Slane is perfect for a skittles commercial, not for a student center. While bright colors do make a room more enjoyable, Slane feels more appropriate for children and not college students. On top of this, a few new high tables have been introduced to Slane. These tables aren't all bad. They are equipped with outlets all over so students can charge their computers, phones, etc. That is a big help. However, sitting at these tables is very uncomfortable. The seats are hard plastic and the backs only come up about six inches. They are definitely not designed for long-term use.

Even though the changes do provide students with much needed outlets and the excitement of color, the new Slane design is more modern and less comfortable than it used to be. The old Slane offered a lot more to students. Any change has its ups and downs, but I feel that the new design isn't very extraordinary.



One of the large, comfy sofa's from the old Slane furniture. Photo by Eugenia Copeland via FourSquare.com

What Is Your New-School-Year's Resolution?

Photos by Melia Sigmon



Bel Lapointe- Freshman
Make new friends!



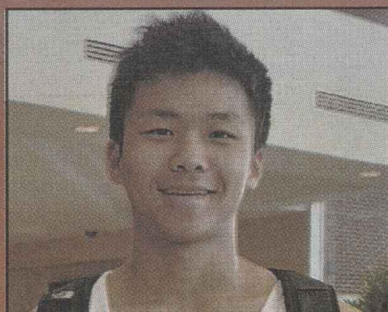
Kristen Ness- Sophomore
To push myself more in my classes!



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Ryan Long- Freshman
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Bowie Miao- Freshman
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~Muhammad Ali

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News

Amy Stamm and Carter Adams: Interning in D.C.

By Kaitlyn Aiello
News & Layout Design Editor

For some, summer break is about returning home to see old friends and family. For Amy Stamm and Carter Adams, their experience as interns was far from the ordinary.

Senior and strategic communication major, Amy Stamm, was given the opportunity to intern at The Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. According to the museum's website, "The Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum maintains the world's largest and most significant collection of aviation and space artifacts."

Being from D.C., Stamm knew that she wanted to find an internship around the area. "I searched for Smithsonian internships because it seemed like a good place to start," she says. "What interested me about it was the amazing role that the Smithsonian plays in the community because all of the museums are free for the public and offer a lot of public programming."

As a communication major, Stamm had assisted with a variety of related tasks like creating media materials for press events, writing news releases, writing stories for internal newsletters, pitching ideas for the media and more. "I am also in charge of the Hometown News program, which involves pitching stories about the interns at Air and Space to their hometown newspapers," she says.

Stamm credits her classes at HPU for teaching her beneficial skills that helped to make her internship



Senior Amy Stamm in front of the National Air and Space Museum. Photo by Amy Stamm.

successful. "The things I've learned in my classes, especially Strategic Message Development in Public Relations, has come in handy while completing assignments," she says. "And it also gave me the knowledge base to feel comfortable providing my opinion or contributing my ideas during meetings and brainstorming sessions."

When asked what advice she would give to HPU freshmen, Stamm remembers the importance of general-education courses. "I took Astronomy my freshman year and had no idea I'd end up needing to understand basic information about astronomy for my internship," she says. "Already having the basis makes it a lot easier to write about the things happening at the museum." She always warns students not to be afraid to apply for positions that they might think are out of reach. "I didn't think I'd get this internship because it's very competitive, but I'm so glad that I went for it and did," she adds.

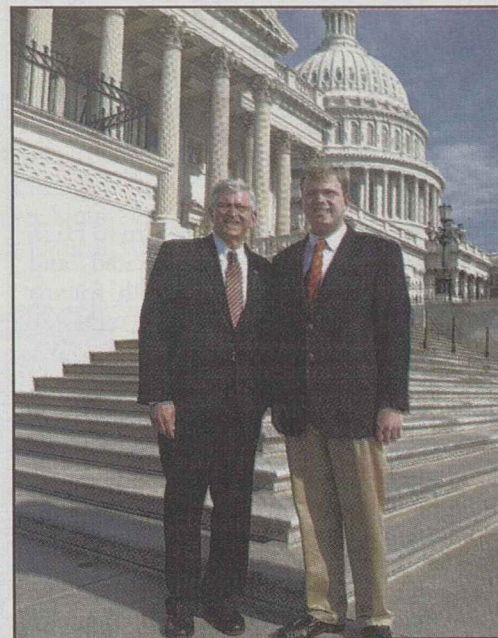
For sophomore and political science major Carter Adams, his internship with Congressman Daniel Webster started by visiting the office last fall.

There, he completed different tasks that ranged from sorting mail from constituents to leading Capitol tours. "I attended briefings and committee hearings for the Congressman and simply helped make office procedures run smoothly," Adams says.

Aside from the work environment, Adams says that the learning experience was the most rewarding part. "Interning on Capitol Hill teaches you so much on how the legislative branch of our government works," he says. "Being able to attend Rules Committee hearings and attending summer intern lectures series has created the foundation for me in a public service career."

Adams plans to return to Capitol Hill for the next couple of summer's, working for different congressmen. He advises freshmen to be on the lookout for unique opportunities that will add to the significance of their goals.

"Reach out to as many people as you can," he says. "Having a connection with people will open up a world of opportunities. Stay focused on your studies; hard work pays off."



Sophomore Carter Adams (right) with Congressman Daniel Webster. Photo submitted by Carter Adams.

International Student Services Office helps with college transition

By Mayeesa Mitchell
Staff Writer

Previously an English and ESL professor at High Point University, Marjorie Church, Director of International Student Services and English as a Second Language, has seen first-hand the cultural shock that many students face when they come to America from other countries. "I learned that I had a passion for working with international students. That was when I felt most fulfilled in my career," said Church.

"I like to think of the mothers of our international students and how they would want their children to be treated," said Church. "My job is to make [international students] feel as if someone cares about them."

Last year, Dr. Dennis Carroll, provost and vice president for academic affairs, asked for Church's assistance in building an International Students Services department that would allow these students to come to one place for all their needs.

The services that are now offered include: immigration assistance, academic advising, English as a second language, assistance with obtaining Social Security Cards and driver's licenses, as well as special outings and events specifically for international students.

"Ms. Church is changing things," said Georges Massoda, a senior Business major with a minor in Global Commerce. "I've received emails about getting help with driver's licenses this year. I never got those emails before. I had to do it all myself my freshman year." Massoda was born in the Republic of Cameroon and grew up immersed in French culture.

HPU has put more effort in attracting international students within the last year by asking parents to refer their friends to HPU, partnering with organizations like the Saudi

Arabian Cultural Mission and sending the International Students admissions counselor, Marianne Menius, overseas.

This year, there are 22 international students in the freshman class representing 16 countries. These students come from Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, Hong Kong, the Bahamas, Japan, Barbados, Saudi Arabia and Poland—just to name a few.

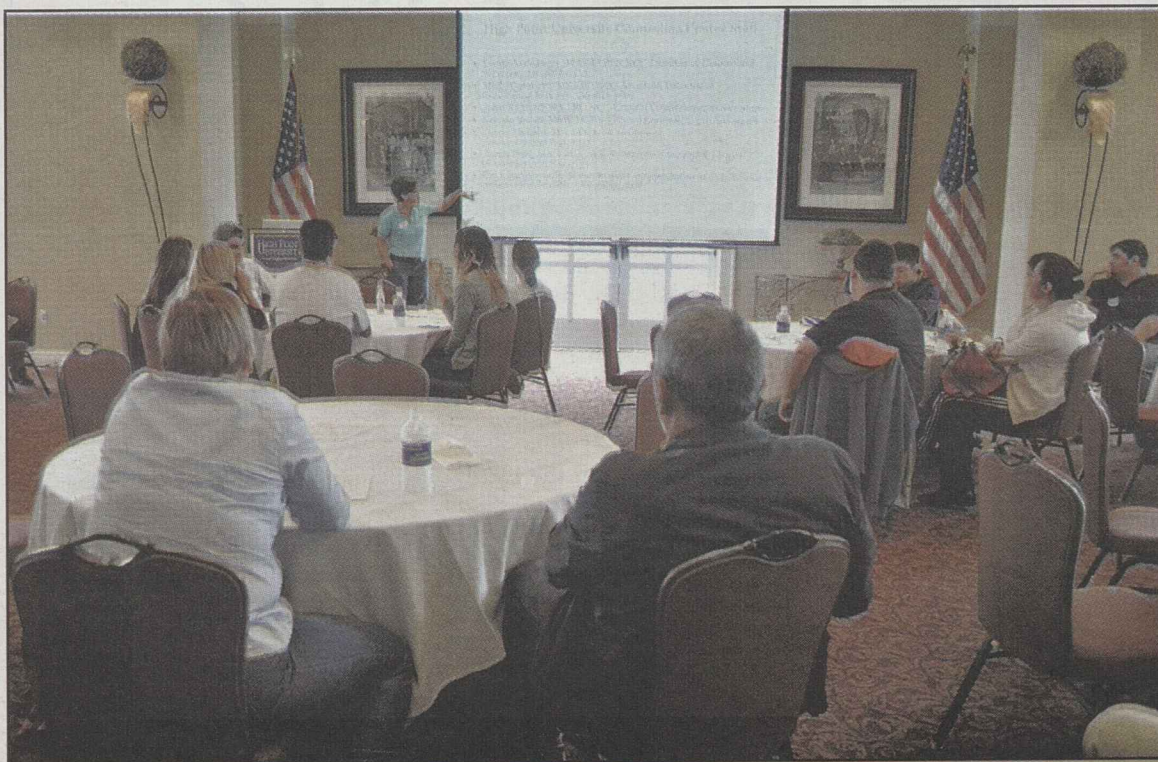
One such student is Karla Villarreal, a freshman, who was born in Mexico and moved to Texas under her father's work visa when she was 10. Never having visited the school, Villarreal chose HPU based purely on academic offerings and virtual tours.

"The [international student] orientation was really helpful," said Villarreal. "I especially liked the presentation on adapting to American culture."

International Student Services has helped Villarreal most by giving her activities

to attend and connecting her with other students who are going through the same challenges.

With Church at the forefront, HPU's International Students Services has grown immensely throughout the last year and is projected to continue to grow in the years to come.



Students and parents at the International Student orientation meeting. Photo by Melia Sigmon.

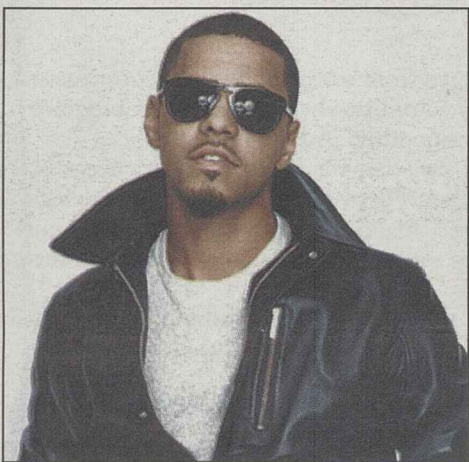
A&E

J. Cole to perform at fall concert

By Jodi Guglielmi
A&E Editor

Every fall, students return to High Point University excited and anxious to reunite with friends and begin the new semester. Even with all of the craziness that comes along with the new semester, student's still anxiously anticipate one of semester's biggest events: the fall concert.

Normally students have to wait a few weeks into school to hear the big announcement as to who will be performing. However, with the concert earlier in the semester than previous years, students barely had to wait at all. As they shuffled into Slane for the activities fair, the name of this year's performer was projected on the big screen. It's official; J. Cole is com-



Students are anxiously awaiting the fall concert featuring rap artists, J. Cole.
Photo by: hiphopdx.com

ing to HPU.

"I couldn't believe it! J. Cole is one of my favorite artists. My friends and I freaked out when we saw the announcement," said Junior Kirsten Hight.

J. Cole (full name Jermaine Lamar Cole) first appeared on the music scene in 2007 with his mixtape "The Come Up," which proved to be successful. So successful in fact, that it caught the attention of music superstar Jay-Z and landed Cole a record deal.

After releasing two more mixtapes, Cole came out with his first full album in 2011 entitled *Cole World: The Side-Line Story*. The album debuted No. 1 on the US Billboard 200, Top Rap Albums, and Top R&B Albums, collectively selling more than 218,000 copies in its first week. Most recently, Cole was nominated for an MTV Video Music Award for "Best Hip Hop Video." Although he did not win, it is yet another accomplishment for the young artist as he went up against other big names such as Drake and Kendrick Lamar.

With the amount of attention and recognition that Cole has received in the music industry, it's safe to say that this will be another successful concert. And with the intense pressure to follow up last year's concert that what was called "the best concert yet" by many students, HPU has kept up their reputation of truly being "extraordinary" by pulling in another big name artist.

The concert will take place Sept. 6 on the Roberts Hall lawn, or Milis in case of rain. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m., so make sure you pick up your wristband in the University Center before arriving.

Selling: A Connection Between Souls

By Stephanie Schwartz
Advertising Manager

I had the privilege of getting to be the first student to visit Professor Quinn since he joined the Marketing faculty this year. Quinn was born and raised in New York, and his father was a college professor at West Point Military Academy. Quinn and his twin brother both attended Fordham University in Manhattan and majored in English. The two finished up their studies right in the middle of the Vietnam War, where they were recruited into Officer Candidate School. Quinn became a pilot in the Navy, went to the war zone and eventually came back to Pensacola to teach young pilots how to land their planes in war zones.

Quinn said, "I wanted to become an airline pilot; but there weren't any jobs available, so I went into business."

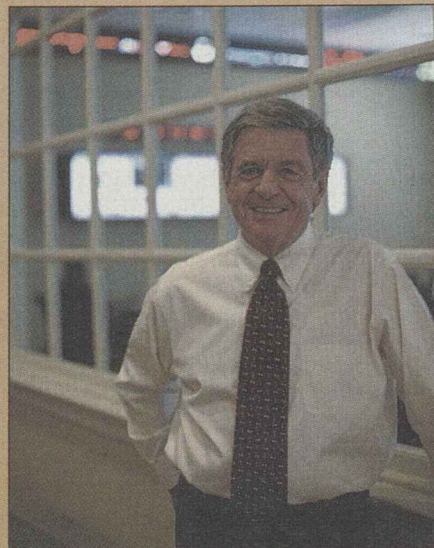
He joked that the only profession he hated the thought of was becoming a salesperson; however he got a job at Xerox, and worked there for nearly 20 years. He ended up in sales because, enjoyed working with people and was amazingly successful. Quinn attributes his success to wonderful fortune that happened with customers and circumstances, allowing him to be honored with the "Salesman of the Year" award at Xerox. Eventually, his success in sales allowed him to move into a management career. Quinn was picked by a large company to be Vice President of Sales and Marketing, leading 500 global employees.

Quinn's wife works on interior design for catalogs, designing sets for magazine shoots. Once the furniture companies in High Point got wind of her reputation, they recruited her to move down to North Carolina. Quinn was at a point of retiring so they made the move to High Point five years ago. When many furniture companies that were her clients moved overseas and Mrs. Quinn's workload lessened, Professor Quinn accepted an adjunct position here at HPU.

Quinn enjoyed teaching his adjunct courses and was then asked to teach one course full time during the summer. He spent several summers teaching at HPU and was asked about a year ago to teach full time at the university. Quinn's passion for selling goes beyond the classroom. His hope is to build the program and form a club for students who are passionate about selling, even taking them to national selling competitions.

"My vision is to get the selling program as a subset of marketing, evolve a club that will compete in intercollegiate competitions around the East Coast and see if we can do well in that and get our talented students showcased. I think we can really bring value to the students," Quinn said. "My biggest thrill would be to get students in the classroom that are like my son and daughter and give them everything I have and make them the best they can be out there. To me, selling is a connection between souls, and the best salespeople become valuable to the customer. Sometimes they'll buy from them but they will always ask for their advice."

Outside of the classroom, Quinn enjoys golf and continues his passion of educating by teaching Sunday school to young students.



Professor Quinn shares his knowledge of sales and marketing with his students. Photo by: Allie Dearie

Fashion, fun, and a hint of green

By Jodi Guglielmi
A&E Editor

The environmental awareness initiative has taken off worldwide as companies are trying to lower their carbon footprint. From factories to office buildings, people are starting to take a stance on the environment and how they are affecting it. Whether it be transferring everything to online, or getting a decomposer in the office kitchen, it all matters. Clothing brands around the world have even started doing their part in making a difference too, with organic and recycled fabrics hitting the shelves. It's impossible to ignore the movement.

Popular clothing store H&M heard the calling and answered with the tagline "Don't let fashion go to waste." As of February 2013, H&M became the first fashion company to launch a global garment recycling initiative-H&M Conscious. Customers are now able to exchange used garments in all 269 U.S. stores and all 48 H&M markets worldwide. Sustainability has become a major point of focus for the Swedish retailer. They hope to reduce the environmental impact of clothes and lengthen their life cycle.

Global Green USA will be the sole beneficiary for the H&M recycling program. The money raised will help contribute to their ongoing work in green building. Through the program, H&M customers can help save natural resources and reduce textile waste. Any piece of clothing, from any store (not just H&M), in any condition will be accepted. As a reward for participating in the movement, each customer will receive 15% off their next purchase for bringing in a piece of clothing.

It's important to take notice of your impact on the environment, and with the help of stores such as H&M, there's almost no excuse to not take part. As time passes and this initiative becomes even more popular, hopefully more stores will jump on board and create similar programs.



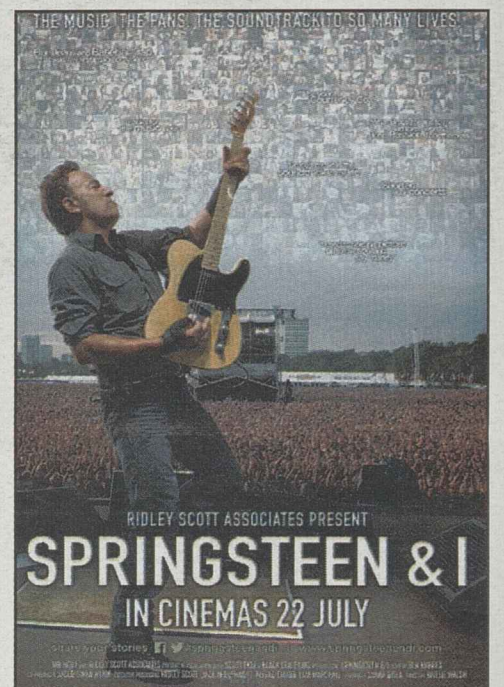
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'Springsteen and I' shows fans' dedication to the music legend

By Will Kriedberg
Staff Writer

"Springsteen and I", have you heard of it? Don't feel bad if you haven't, most people are unfamiliar with the film that only hit select theaters. However, if you're a die-hard Bruce Springsteen fan, it's definitely worth a rental. "Springsteen and I" is an emotional film of joy and expression that was delivered and created by Bruce Springsteen's most dedicated fans.

Throughout the film, the fans talk about how Springsteen has been a part of their lives and how his music and career has influenced their own lives. Keep in mind; Springsteen was raised in Free Hold, N.J.,



The film Springsteen and I paid tribute to the musical icon that touched lives with his music and his dedication to the craft.
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in a blue-collar working life community. Reaching his level of success as an iconic music star after starting from the very bottom is an incredible accomplishment.

In the movie, a story is told of a fan that bought tickets to see Springsteen live with his girlfriend. But as fate would have it, his girlfriend broke up with him prior to the concert. Instead of letting the bad news deter him from the show, he made a sign that read, "My girlfriend just dumped me." The sign caught the eye of the music superstar and Springsteen brought him on stage to give him a hug. The movie is filled with stories just like this one that shows Springsteen's dedication to his fans.

At the end of the film you get to watch a full Springsteen concert. So at this point, crank up the stereo and watch the magic unfold. Overall, I highly recommend this movie to any Bruce Springsteen fan. Even if you are not as familiar with Springsteen's work, this movie can still appeal to music lovers in general. The stories told by the fans will resonate with you as if you were watching your own favorite artist on the screen. You get the best of both worlds with this film. You get to learn more about Springsteen and his road to stardom, and you get to hear first-hand accounts from his biggest fans.

I would rate this movie four out of five stars! I definitely recommend checking out this film and deciding for yourself what you think. Either way, you get to see a movie and hear great music; there's nothing better!

Organizations

Throwback Thursday comes to the HPU Extraordinaire Cinema

By Brittany Muldoon
Staff Writer

Anyone who uses social networking sites such as Twitter and Instagram is familiar with the concept of #ThrowbackThursday. Many users post old pictures or memories accompanied by this hashtag. This has become such a popular trend that it seems as if everyone knows about it and participates in this cultural phenomenon in some way.

"The hashtag has become very popular, so it developed into another activity we could do," says Caitlin McKelvey, coordinator of student programming.

High Point University's Extraordinaire Cinema is giving #ThrowbackThursday a whole new meaning. On Aug. 29, the cinema recently introduced its own version of Throwback Thursday by showing "Wedding Crashers." For the remainder of the year, the cinema will continue showing students' favorite old movies one Thursday each month.

So how exactly does this new version of Throwback Thursday work? According to McKelvey, each month will focus on a different genre of film. The genres will be announced on the Extraordinaire Cinema's Facebook page, and students can suggest movies they want to see by commenting on the post. Once all the suggestions are sorted through, the most popular ones will be re-posted and students can vote for their favorites. Then, the movie with the most votes will be the feature for that month's Throwback Thursday.

McKelvey says she is especially excited about Throwback Thursdays because students will have a voice in

what movies are going to be played. She says Throwback Thursdays are really "for the students, by the students."

"I'm really proud of this because it is the students who are voicing their opinions and making it happen," says McKelvey.

In fact, students on the Campus Activities Team suggested this idea during a meeting last semester. According to McKelvey, the whole concept began with an obsession over the movie "Mean Girls," and expanded to include other movies that would not normally be shown in the cinema simply because they are not new.

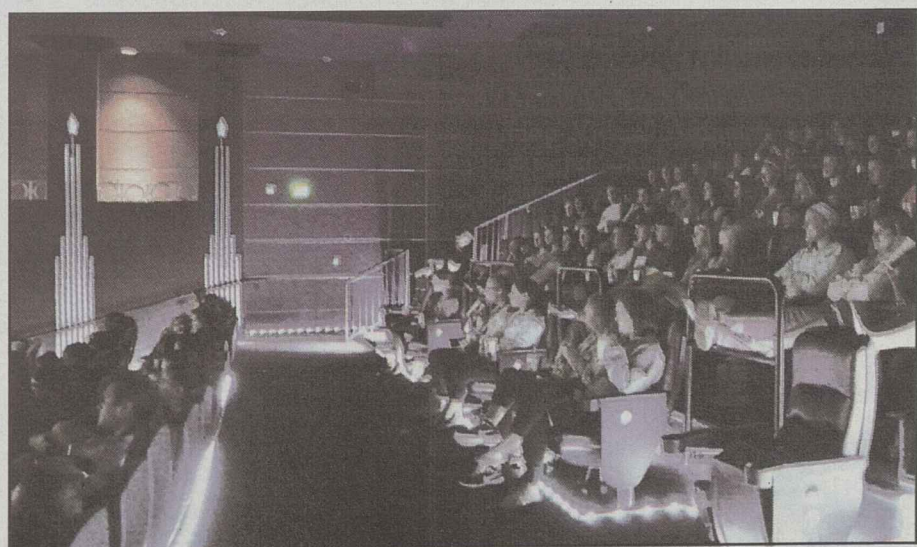
McKelvey expects these events to generate a positive response from the student body because she has discovered that in addition to the new, modern movies, students want something a little more nostalgic.

McKelvey says students also seem to be excited about it, as the response on social media has already been very positive.

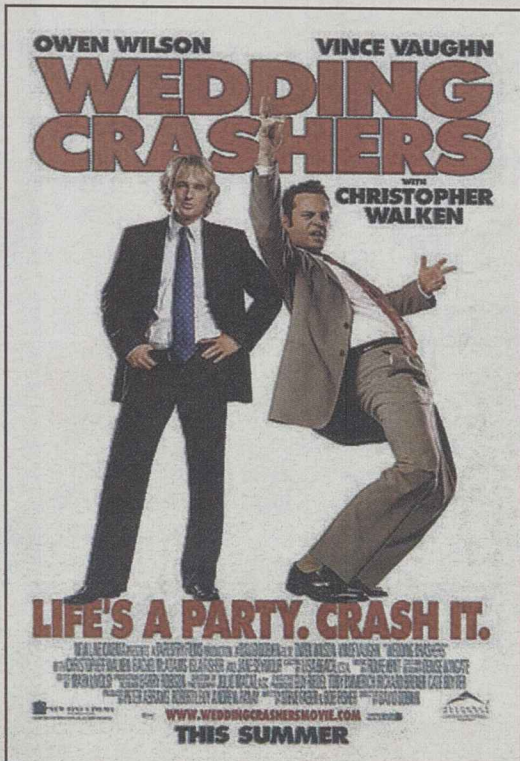
"It's a really cool idea, and I'm excited to see what movies they end up playing," says sophomore Brailey Lisath. "I hope they play some classics that we weren't old enough to see on the big screen when they first came out in theaters."

Throwback Thursdays take place one Thursday per month, toward the end of each month. The genre for September will be action; October will be horror; and November will be holiday. Voting closes one week before the date of the show and the winning film will be announced the Sunday before the Thursday showing in the cinema.

If you are interested in either voting for or suggesting a movie for Throwback Thursdays, be sure to like the HPU Campus Activities Team on Facebook.



Students gather for the first Throwback Thursday at the Extraordinaire Cinema in the University Center for the showing of "Wedding Crashers." Photo by Melia Sigmon.



The poster for the movie "Wedding Crashers." Photo by www.movieposters.com

Big Brother Big Sister members volunteer in big and little ways

By Olivia French
Staff Writer

What does it mean to be a big brother or big sister? In the traditional sense, it means being a role model, guide and positive influence on a biological or adopted younger sibling. On the High Point University campus, the words have a slightly different meaning.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a club with hundreds of members dedicated to helping children of low-income and single parent families succeed or thrive in life. Though they aren't biological siblings, they do aim to have a positive impact on various kids' lives.

BBBS was founded in 1904, and is now the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network. Based in Philadelphia, it is a host to a network of more than 400 agencies across the country, one of which is in High Point.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters promotes the idea that YOU can impact the life of a child simply by being a friend. YOU can be the start of something big," said HPU BBBS president Erin Sullivan.

When members volunteer their time, they are matched with a "Little," and are then responsible to meet with them for at least one hour per week. "Bigs" are responsible for hanging out with their Little, helping with homework, and just being someone that they can look up to and talk to.

Interested in joining but don't have a car? No problem! The club currently has 250 HPU members, which makes it easy to carpool.

BBBS events, such as an Easter egg hunt, pictures with Santa, and trick-or-treating are also hosted on the HPU campus for the Littles to participate in.

Off campus, events are hosted by club members through BBBS of the Central Piedmont to raise money and awareness for the organization, and Sullivan has big plans for the club this year.



Jasmine Williams and Little Yave during High Point University's Trick Or Treating in the Women's Complex last October. Photo submitted by Erin Sullivan.



Jasmine Williams (Secretary), Erin Sullivan (President), Marianne Castellana (VP) at Activites Fair 2013. Photo submitted by Erin Sullivan.

"We currently have 250 members but we are looking to expand that number this year by a lot," Sullivan said. "We are also looking to get more guys to join the program because many of the young boys want big brothers, but due to the lack of boys in the club we cannot provide all the boys with brothers."

This year, BBBS will hold traditional events, such as the Easter egg hunt and trick-or-treating, but will also be introducing new events that are still in the process of being planned.

"You will have to join the club to find out what events we have planned next!" said Sullivan.

To join BBBS, students must print and complete an application form from the website www.bbbscp.org, then RSVP for a volunteer orientation by contacting Kendra Britto at Kendra@bbbscp.org.



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Sports

The Steroid Era: The Current State of Baseball

By Nolan Stout
Staff Writer

America's favorite pastime has become as shrouded in mystery and scandal as its government. And just like the government, baseball cannot seem to find a permanent solution to its biggest problem.

The current age of modern baseball is often referred to as the steroid era due to the rampant use of performance enhancing drugs. In the past few years, baseball has started taking measures to prevent players from taking these drugs to increase their performance, but these steps will never be enough to fix the problem.

Steroid use has developed not from the desire to be the best, but as a byproduct of our society. We live in a world where, growing up, we expect everything right away. We want everything handed to us and do not want to work hard or put much effort into getting what we desire.

High Point head baseball coach Craig Cozart completely agrees that our society has caused the spread of steroids.

"It's a societal issue," said Cozart. "We are an instant gratification society. We don't want to wait for things. We want them now. That's how some people can justify using steroids."

There is another reason that steroids have such a tight grip on baseball: money.

Some players use steroids in order to put up big numbers one year so they can get a better contract the next.

This makes it hard for those that are trying to make it big the right way and without drugs. While they play, practice and work hard, someone else using steroids will run right past them to the majors.

Steroids have really hurt the legitimacy of the game. When you see a guy putting up big numbers, one automatically assumes he must be shooting up. Even the actual homerun king, Barry Bonds, will be forever tainted by the shadow of steroid use.

However, the real enabler of steroid use in major league baseball is the MLB itself.

The money that the league is making off big name players is too much, and they are too greedy to get rid of the players using steroids. Instead, players get a warning here, a 50-game suspension there or maybe even an entire-season suspension.

When the payout from steroids could be upwards of \$100 million and the only punishment is a 50-game suspension if you get caught, wouldn't you take that chance?

Yet, Cozart said that he believes the temptation to take drugs is much less now in college baseball than it was in the past.

"About 10 years ago, the allure of taking those drugs was much more prevalent than it is today," said Cozart. "The education that you can get out there is so much better now, and the NCAA has done a very good job of testing student-athletes."

If you really want the problem out of the game, you can't allow players to only pay a fine, or just suspend them for 50 games and let them play while they appeal their suspension.

Alex Rodriguez is a perfect example of getting away with steroid use. His appeal will most likely last until November which means he will still be getting paid, will still be playing and could most likely retire without having to serve a single game of his suspension.

Not all players are rolling over and letting steroids run rampant in their sport. While some are condemning him, I applaud Red Sox pitcher Ryan Dempster for hitting Rodriguez in an Aug. 18 game at Fenway Park. It sent a clear message that Dempster does not like what Rodriguez is doing or what he stands for.

Major League Baseball will not be clean of steroids until they man up and decide to have a one-and-done policy. The first time you are caught using steroids, you are suspended from all of baseball for life and do not get any more paychecks from your team.

When penalties are that steep, players will be much more likely to not take a chance on steroids. But until then, the MLB is proving that sometimes cheaters do win.



Debate continues to swirl around how the MLB should handle steroid punishment in the game of baseball. Image from stock.xchng.

Looking ahead...

What to expect in our Sept. 18 issue



Vert goes down, but will rise again quickly

Staff writer Joe Wetzler gives us an inside look at what lies in store for the new Vert Stadium in 2014. Also, find out what to expect for soccer and lacrosse games in the 2013-14 year.



2013 women's soccer season preview

Staff writer Liz Reichart takes us inside the women's soccer team clubhouse with valuable insight on the upcoming season. Players to watch and the coach's thoughts will be included.



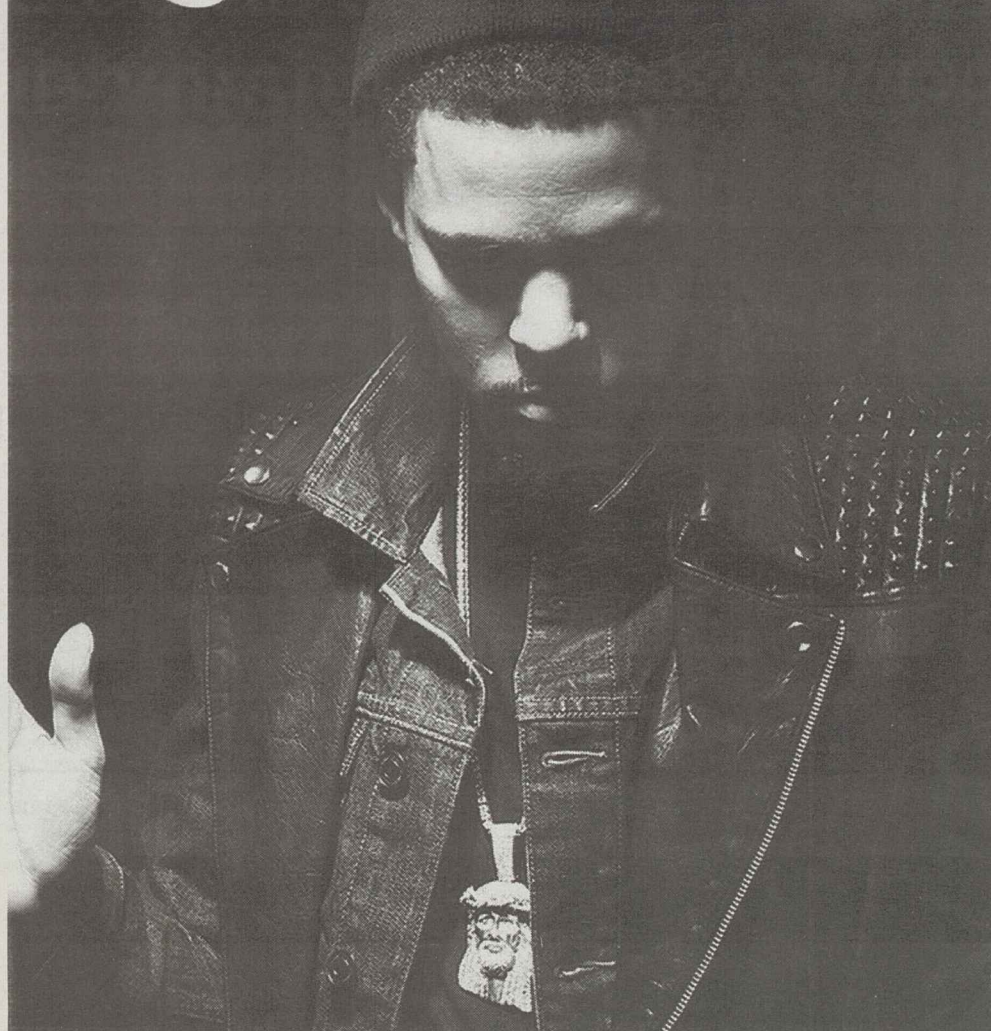
Men's soccer preview: Is this the year?

With a big win at App State already under the belt of the men's team, the Chronicle staff takes a closer look at what to expect for the coming season and why this year could be big.

Photos by High Point University (Left) and the High Point University Athletic Department (Middle, Right).

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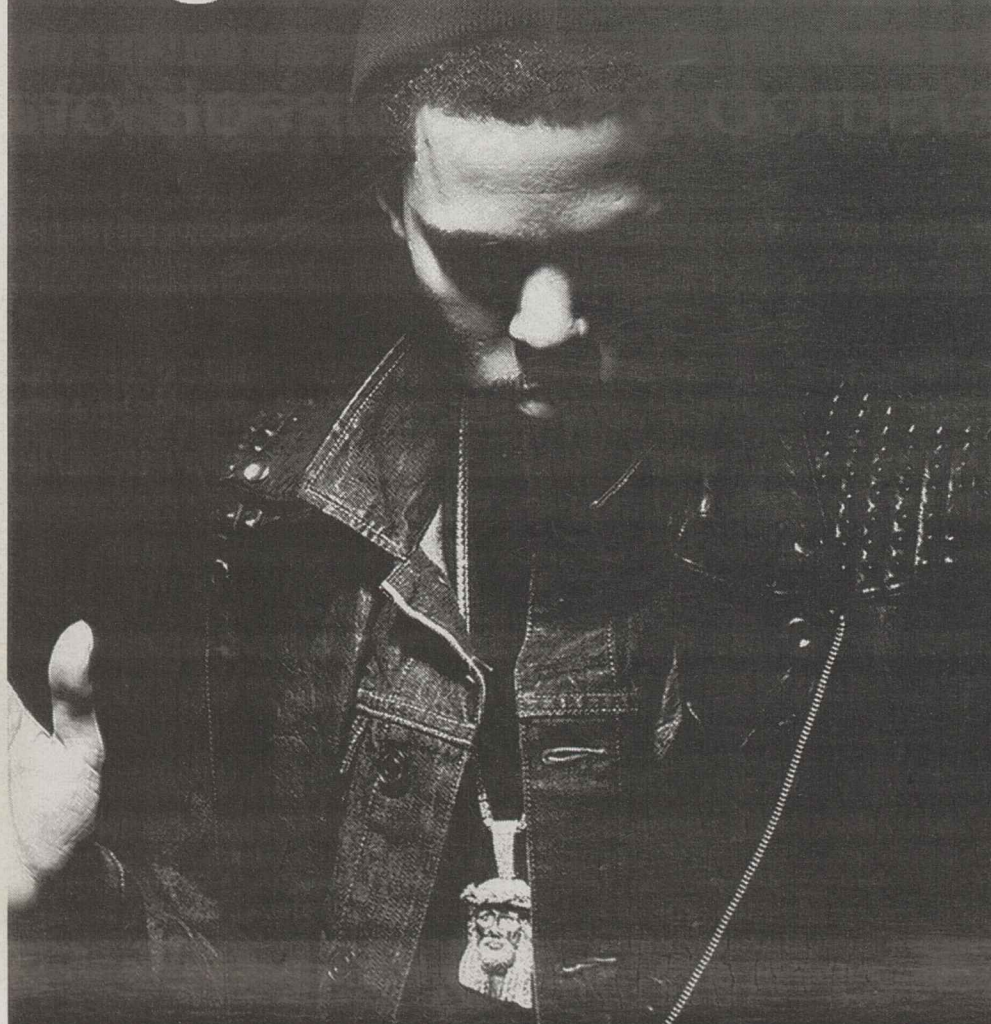
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HPU opens new community writing center

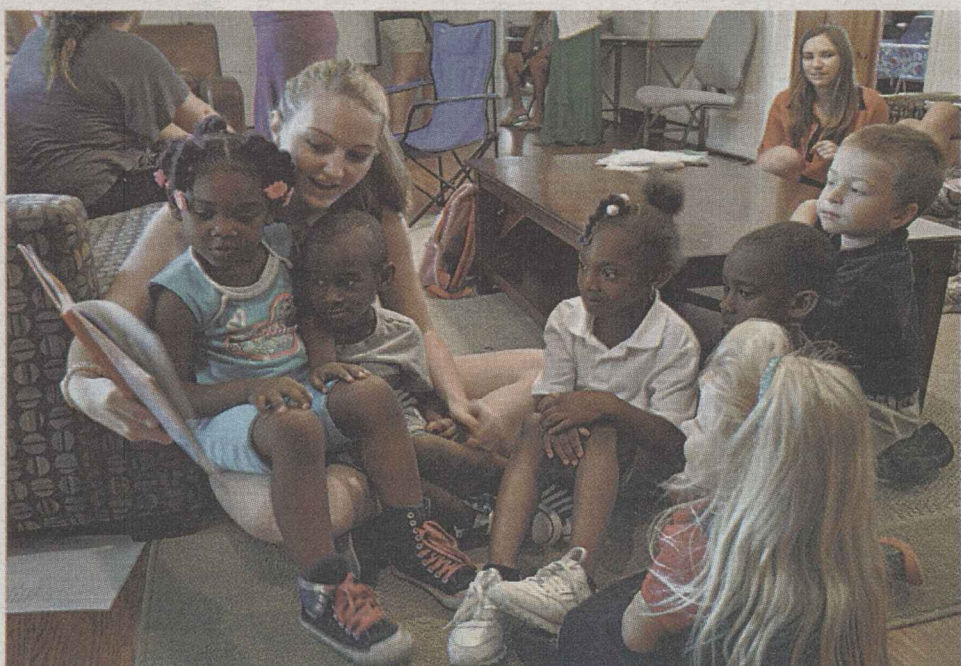
By Kaitlyn Aiello
News & Design Editor

In a small town affected by high illiteracy rates, the High Point University community has stepped in. With the opening of the Community Writing Center, High Point elementary and middle school children will now receive extra homework help by enrolling in a free afterschool program.

"Literacy programs serve a need any where. The area surrounding the University is pretty high need," says Dr. Cara Kozma, co-director and assistant professor of English and assistant director of Service Learning. "There are a lot of single parent and low-income households and a lot of families that work multiple jobs and don't have the time to give the one-on-one help to their children. They are good families but

sometimes need the extra support."

Led by Kozma and Dr. Charmaine Cadeau, assistant professor of English, the afterschool program runs from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Partnering with the Christ United Methodist Church and organizations run by Pam Palmer, assistant professor of human relations, students will participate in reading, writing and creative, fun activities.



A HPU student reads to children at the new Community Writing Center.
Photo by Melia Sigmon

Located in an older, residential home owned by the church, the three-bedroom, two-bath-room home is being used by separate HPU faculty. David Bergen, chair of Human Relations, Sociology and Non-profit Studies, runs a therapy program, and Pam Palmer holds a youth program for young boys, teaching life skills every Sunday.

With its opening, the Community Writing Center has enrolled 15 children on Mondays and Tuesdays, and 6-7 for Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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Junior wins Gold and Silver in the 2013 World Dwarf Games

By Stephanie Schwartz
Advertising Editor

Stephanie Vrettakos has been swimming ever since she was a little kid. She swam competitively for three years until back surgery took her out of the water in December of 2007. It wasn't until May of this year that Vrettakos returned to the water.

When she and her friends found out the World Dwarf Games were being held in Michigan this year, they formed a team to compete in soccer, volleyball, floor hockey, basketball and swimming. Vrettakos returned home in May after her sophomore year and knew that she needed to begin preparing if she wanted to do well in the games. She found a coach, who she refers to as Coach Dave, who taught Vrettakos how to get in the water and show yourself the utmost respect by trying as hard as you can. Competition is not in Vrettakos' nature, so Coach Dave was able to show her that it has nothing to do with your competitors but everything to do with proving yourself in the water. Vrettakos practiced every day. She attributes her strokes to the dedication of Coach Dave.

Two weeks before the competition, Vrettakos' grandfather passed away. She left the pool for a week to be with her family but knew that she had to dive back in. She made it to the games to compete in four events, 50 and 100-meter breaststroke and 50 and 100-meter freestyle. Vrettakos won a gold medal in the 50-meter breast-

New Visual & Product Design Majors Embark at High Point

By Elizabeth Reichart
Staff Writer

This fall, High Point University is refurbishing its Interior Design and Home Furnishings Programs to better enable students for the post-graduation "real world." The newly introduced Visual Merchandising Design Program prepares students to apply their passion for design in the business of visually attracting and motivating consumers to buy products, such as fashion and furnishings. The innovative major is now being offered by the School of Art and Design and already has students buzzing.

The training in Visual Merchandising is going to cover more areas than just a strict art degree would cover, giving alumni of the program a competitive advantage in the marketplace. "We just found that we had so many graduates working in their field, and they had good training, but they didn't have the best training because it was 100 percent interior design focus. They were missing certain aspects, like consumer behavior, and various business classes like inventory control. We felt like they were a little disadvantaged," says Dr.

Jane Nichols, Chair of the Interior Design and Home Furnishings Majors.

Dr. Nichols and the entire Art & Design School Faculty saw an opportunity to draw back the drapes on an ever-changing world of design. "This program is going to attract students who are interested in fashion, design, home goods and business," says Dr. Nichols. "These two programs have been providing designers individual merchandising for two decades already."

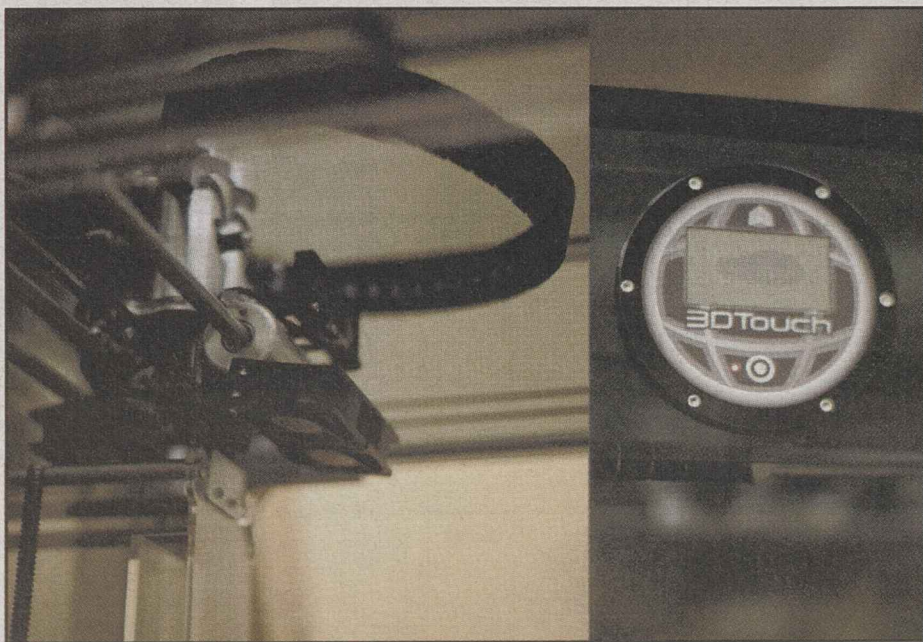
And that isn't the only new program making a statement this season. The Fur-

things are made and enthused about creating products that people use. Artists in this field combine artistic forms with emerging technologies to bring an original idea to prototyping, manufacturing and global marketing. They consider limited resources, material life cycles, aesthetics and product placement to attract a targeted customer.

"This program will appeal to students who are interested in design, but also interested in business, to students who are entrepreneurial and want to understand how to design something and how to bring it to market," Nichols adds.

Being able to ship and market a product is just as important as its design. "All markets now are global," says Nichols. "If students are designing a product, they have to understand what is the best place to buy the materials, how are they going to be shipped, how are they going to be handled; they need to understand global logistics. After design, how does it get marketed? How does it get packaged? How does it get distributed?"

Student learn the process of products from design to shelf in the Furnishings/Product Development and Development Program, and are enabled to do this even more so with the addition of a state-of-the-art



A 3-D printer is the newest addition to the Technology Lab in Norton.
Photo by Allie Dearie

nishings/Product Development and Design major has been developed for designers who are fascinated by learning how

Technology Lab in Norton.

The lab houses a laser cutter, See Majors, page 4



Stephanie Vrettakos poses with her medals. Photo by Allie Dearie

stroke. She said, "I didn't know I won until the very end of the meet. I got out of my last race, and I looked at my phone and had a bunch of text messages saying 'Congratulations for winning gold.' I texted my mom up in the stands to come down to the pool deck, I didn't believe her. She said, 'Steph, you won a gold!' I looked at my coach and he told me that I did win the gold." Vrettakos also won a silver medal in the 100-meter breaststroke. She competed on a co-ed soccer team as well as an all-girls soc-

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Opinion

The US Should Not Get Involved In Syria

By Maddie Lombardo
Staff Writer

Should we or should we not get involved with Syria? This seems to be one of the most prominent debates in our society today. It is a difficult question to answer, seeing as the history of the conflict in Syria is anything but simple. There are many shades of gray on this issue, setting the stage for a national controversy with no clear solution. My solution, however, is simply this: stay out of it.

For those who are unaware of what is happening in Syria, here is the short version: Syria, a Middle Eastern country located on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea, has been locked in a violent civil war since April 2011 when peaceful protests were countered with extreme government brutality. Security forces began kidnapping, raping, and torturing activists and their families. Eventually, civilians started fighting back, rebel groups formed, and a civil war broke out.

Currently, there has been no direct intervention from the U.S. in this two-year civil war. However, U.S. officials are now suggesting the use of military strikes on Syria in response to allegations that President Bashar al-Assad is using chemical weapons against civilians.

Some may wonder why we are so divided on this matter. It is often argued that as a powerful country, it is our duty to aid those in dire need. While I agree that there is an ethical dilemma at hand, things are far too complicated for us to swoop in and save the day. Our possible courses of action are few and all are flawed. Military involvement is one of the worst things that

we could do. An Iraq-style ground invasion would inevitably speed up Syrian killings at the expense of countless U.S. and allied lives. In addition, this would only increase anti-Americanism sentiment among jihadists while requiring our forces to impose order in another violent country for years to come.

As an alternative to invasion, some have suggested we assist by shipping arms to rebels, limiting U.S. military involvement while still providing an opportunity for

defeat of Dr. Assad, a volatile power vacuum would then be opened, making way for even greater conflict.

Another major flaw with military involvement is that it is illegal, for lack of a better word. Military action is allowed by the UN charter in two specific cases: approval from the Security Council and self-defense. Our forces have not been authorized for this situation, and likely never will be. There have also been no direct threats or attacks on the U.S. by Syria, so a self-defense claim is erroneous as well.

Considering we do not meet either of the two criteria for military action, the remaining argument becomes morality. Those who are in favor of involvement argue that despite the lack of authorization, it is still immoral to ignore a country in need when we have the means to assist. I, however, would argue that the opposite is true. If it is morality we are concerned with, we should be thinking about the civilian casualties that military strikes will cause. Syrian military offices are continually being relocated to populated areas. Death is inevitable. These so called "limited air strikes" will make little difference in the civil war while claiming innocent lives as collateral.

Unfortunately, the truth is that there is no clear solution that will repair the atrocities in Syria. People will likely never come to a unanimous agreement on what needs to be done. However, I strongly believe that U.S. involvement will only escalate the violence and instability in Syria, doing far more harm than good and draining valuable resources in the process. As far as I'm concerned, the best, and possibly only, solution we have is to learn when to leave well enough alone.



Photo of the Syrian civil war conflict showing pro Assad Regime citizens protests. Photo by TheGuardian.Com

Dr. Assad to be eliminated. In my opinion, this is bad case of déjà vu. Sending weapons to the rebels will eventually lead to the empowerment of jihadists, increasing the violence, and possibly leading to a second civil war. The same thing happened when weapons were sent to Afghanistan in the 1980s, which ultimately helped the Taliban take power in the 1990s. Furthermore, even if providing weapons assisted in the

A Wandering Mind The Fate of America Lies in Our Hands....

By Anne Davey
Opinion Editor

The U.S. has been a world power as long as we have been alive. Our generation, and the one before us, has seen the rise of American ideologies, the spread of democracy and increasing globalization. We have known a world where the U.S. reigns supreme in all things. The most powerful economy in the world, the largest and most impressive military in the world, an internationally accepted language and currency, the United States truly dominated the Twentieth Century.

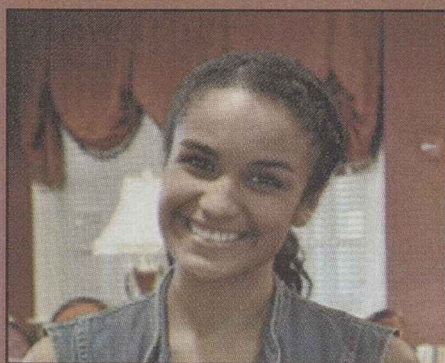
The Twenty-First Century however, brings this notion into question. With an increasingly global world, the rise of potential super powers and an extremely partisan nation, the future of America hangs in a balance of sorts. Our role in governing globally is shifting as we speak, as the Nation waits to hear whether or not we will intervene in Syria's civil war. China has risen to the second largest economy in the world, and they own the sum of the American debt. The ramifications of these changes are yet to be known, but will certainly be felt for decades to come.

Our generation will potentially see the rise of the global economy, the forming of a Chinese superpower and a drop in American dominance. Or not. The truth is, the fate of America is uncertain. While this is scary, it is also exciting, because it means that now more than ever, we have the power to impact change.

Our jobs will more than likely be global, knowing a second language will certainly be a must. As the world changes, and American hegemony is called into question, it's critical that we educate ourselves and get involved in shaping our future. What we do in this decade, our generation, has the power to define the United States for the next century. At a time when we face uncertainty, it is more important than ever for Generation-Y to get involved, to foster positive change and global communication.

What One Thing Would You Add to the HPU Campus?

Photos by Melia Sigmon



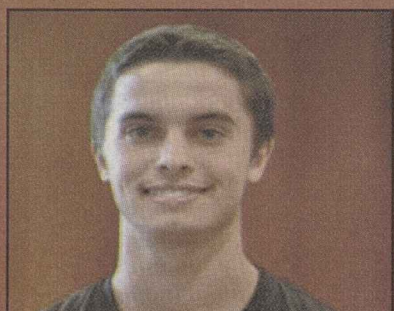
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Brailey Lisath - Sophomore



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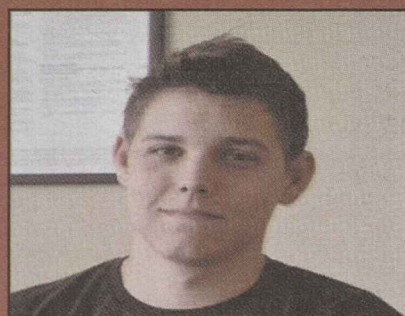


A HPU Nightclub
Chris Williams - Senior



A Barbershop/Hair Salon
Collin Sweeney - Sophomore

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Taylor Drake - Senior



A Smoothie Stand
Casey Schoenholtz - Junior



An Ice cream shop
Conner Haler - Freshman



More parking spots
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Opinion

Diamond Candles are a girl's best friend

By Chelsie Gastright
Editor in Chief

A man goes out for the perfect anniversary gift for his wife, and as he walks through the aisles he finds a candle. He knows his wife loves candles. He also bought her a ring at the previous store, because nothing says "I love you" like a beautiful new ring after years of marriage. And that's when it happened. This man came up with one of the coolest, most ingenious products on the market: Diamond Candles.

These fun little candles come in a wide variety of scents for any occasion, and inside each candle is a ring valued from \$10 USD to \$5,000 USD. Better yet, these candles are priced at only \$24.95 USD, so they don't break the bank. They are also made with soy wax, which makes them earth friendly and much safer than typical candles.

I recently received a Diamond Candle as a late 6-year anniversary gift from my fiancé, and I was so excited. Submerged in my watermelon scented candle sat a gold foil wrapped ring just taunting me, so I immediately lit it and waited. The total amount of burn time to easily remove the ring was about six to eight hours, maybe a little more.

Once the foil was showing, I removed the tiny package from the wax and unveiled my silver plated claddagh ring. I would guess this ring isn't valued at more than \$20, but it fits my finger and it's a great conversation piece. Besides, the "prize at the bottom of the cereal box" feel makes burning a candle that much more exciting.

So ladies, if you are looking for a fun exciting gift for yourself or think your special someone needs a little push in the right direction, remember Diamond Candles. It's a two-in-one gift that's easy on the wallet, oh and they smell great too.

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College Life: Perfecting the Ultimate Balancing Act

By Anne Davey
Opinion Editor

College is the best time of your life, that's what everyone says. Moms, Dads, teachers and friends reminisce and impart their wisdom for how to make the most of your precious college years. No matter where you decide to go, after all of the stress of applications, SATs, interviews and tours, college is college, and most things are the same. College holds the promise of life-long friends, true-love, finding yourself and having a carefree good time. Perhaps that's as it should be. After all these four years are, for most people, the last time we'll truly be able to enjoy ourselves without worries of work, bills and getting ahead.

In some circumstances though, college can be extremely stressful. Not just around midterms and finals, but in general. Financial troubles, academic frustrations and an inability to figure out your life goals are all potential hurdles over your four years. There is much to be learned though, not simply in the classroom but about life, and about ourselves. There is so much to worry about for the next period of life, it's sometimes easy to get inundated with worries and struggles. It's easy to get caught up in your social life, and let your academics slide, and it's easy to do just the opposite. While college years are meant to be fun and exciting, they are also an essential building block for the rest of our lives. What we do here matters.

For those people that want to continue

on to graduate or professional school, the saying "jobs don't look at your GPA, just your degree" doesn't hold much truth. In all reality, if we want to go to the best schools and have the best chance of earn-

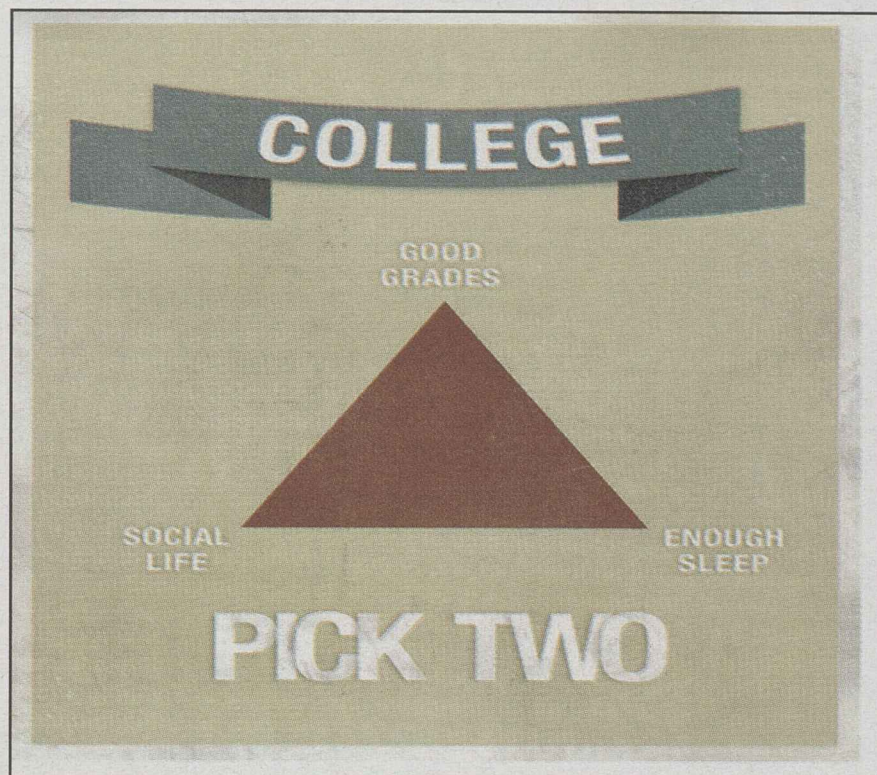
be-all of our existence, but over time these things start to add up, to define our character and shape our futures. The choices we make, and the way we approach this college experience says a lot about us. We are creat-

ing our own destiny; the classes we take, the major we choose, the friends we surround ourselves with and the internships we land.

I recently saw a graphic about college life that read: Social Life, Academics, Sleep: Pick Two. Whether you want to go to grad school, plan on working after undergrad, or are just here to figure yourself out, college is indeed a time for growth and planning, but it's also a time to learn the art of balance. Can you get a 4.0 and still have the time of your life? Absolutely, you just have to work as hard as you play, if not a little harder. You have to be cognizant that what you do now will ultimately shape

where you end up, but you're only young once, and there's time to have fun too.

Hanging out with friends, doing well in school and staying healthy aren't mutually exclusive, they're all crucial to the college experience. Without one, chances are the other two will suffer along the way. The art of balance is essential, because despite what lays ahead, these four years must be the time of your life, because you'll never get them back.



College balancing act. Photo by tumblr.com

ing a top-notch degree, what we do here in college is crucial. Just like how building a resume and making yourself worthy of a good college is an essential element of high school, college is much the same. What we do here lays the groundwork for the rest of our lives, and for our professional careers.

That's an overwhelming thought when you realize the truth in it. What we do today determines our futures. Silly mistakes and failed exams may not be the end-all-

Oh, The Power of The Perfect Extracurricular Activity

By Anne Davey
Opinion Editor

Despite the fact that the term extracurricular activity brings up painfully awful memories of the Common App and the college application process as a whole, there is truly something to be said for them. So while I immediately cringe at the terminology, the words do hold a special place in my heart.

In high school, I was an over-achiever. Today, not much has changed. My favorite memories of my four years in high school are not from the classroom, but from everything I got to do outside of that. While I learned a lot, grew a lot and had incredible teachers in those classrooms, what has helped shape and define me most, are the extra little things I did. Extracurricular activities, clubs, leadership positions, volunteer opportunities and travel made up the best parts of my experience.

Whether it was competing on a state level in public speaking with the DECA Club, presenting recycling initiatives to the Town Board through my internship or serving meals at the homeless shelter with my church, each opportunity I got to experience something new was priceless. I learned to challenge myself, to dream big and that being scared of the real

world is okay. It was through all of my extracurricular activities that I really found my niche, and myself.

What I learned outside the classroom, by being hands-on and interactive, by putting my course material into practice, that's what I'll never forget, and what I'm most

thankful for every day. Those experiences are also a major reason I chose to attend High Point University, where experiential learning is valued and readily accessible. Global study programs and classes with real life elements are not hard to come by; in fact they get bigger and better every year. Without experiences, college is just the classroom, and we all know that's not what anyone thinks of when they

teering for Habitat For Humanity, taking an alternative spring break or going Greek, what we get involved in ultimately shapes our college experience. There is only so much that can be learned and taught inside the classroom. In college we have the freedom to pick and choose our classes, as well as our activities, with hundreds of clubs on campus there is no excuse to feel disconnected or not be involved.

So step outside of your comfort zone, do something different. Join a club, a team or a group, figure out what makes you who you are and get a break from the classroom while you're at it. There's so much more to this college experience than classes, and there's no better way to figure out your hobbies and passions. Outside activities are undoubtedly the best way to feel connected and involved, they expand your social circle and your life experience, and they're a ton of fun if you pick the right ones.

Whether you choose to be a campus leader, or just join in on something fun, these experiences will be the ones you remember. I guarantee that the memories of classroom discussions and homework completed will fade quickly, but what you do outside those walls, around this campus, will stick with you for a lifetime.



Photo of Campus Activities Team members getting involved at last year's activities fair. Photo by www.highpoint.edu

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News

Career Connections Week educates, informs students

By Chelsie Gastright
Editor in Chief

When it comes to preparing for the future, it is never too early to start the process. Learning how to create a resume, write a cover letter, and be seen as a professional on sites such as LinkedIn is somewhat of an art form and can be tricky if you are unsure of where to start.

Whether you are a freshman or a senior, learning valuable insight to finding that perfect internship or job can only serve to benefit you in the future. With that goal in mind, High Point University's Career and Internship Services are hosting a weeklong event called Career Connections Week.

"Because it's never too early in the school year to begin thinking about summer internships and job searches, we wanted to provide students with an easy way to receive assistance from our staff in an informal setting that doesn't require an appointment," said Bridget Holcombe, interim director of Career and Internship Services.

Typically, students interested in career advice would contact the Career and Internship Services office and set up an appointment with a Career Advisor. During this appointment, you and your advisor would discuss your goals, interests, strengths and weakness, and develop a plan of action to help with internship and job searches.

Above all this, the primary goal of the Career and In-

ternship Services is to provide the student with the needed tools and knowledge to be prepared for a career after graduation. However, this doesn't mean that only seniors should take advantage of the services offered. According to Melia Sigmon, a junior who serves as a Career Peer Ambassador, you should come in as soon as you possibly can.

"It's a common misconception that they [Career and Internship Services] are only really necessary senior year

to secure a job after college," explained Sigmon. "But that's not true! It's important to set up a meeting with them freshmen year so they can help you get on the fast track towards a successful, professional career."

This is where Career Connections Week will become useful. Since it can

sometimes be difficult to find time between class, club events and studying to meet with a counselor about your career, the Career and Internship Services personnel are coming to the students.

Everyday this week, Career Peer Ambassadors will be at the Slane Philanthropy tables from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. While they are there, students will be able to discuss any and all questions about the resources the Career and Internship Services office has to offer. Each day the Career Peer Ambassadors will be focusing on a certain aspect of professional growth.

Already, Career and Internship Services has helped students learn how to properly use some of the internship

resources that HPU provides. They have also discussed and taught students about PantherLink, a new job board being introduced this semester. This board will allow employers to post internship and job postings online for students to search through and then apply.

If you missed the first two days of Career Connections Week, there are still several informative sessions left to attend. Today, students are encouraged to bring their resumes to the Slane Philanthropy tables for a quick review and tips on how to make it better. Thursday's session will show students how to navigate a new feature on the Career and Internship Services site called "What Can I Do With This Major?" This webpage will enable students to click on their major and then read about possible career paths for their field of interest.

Finally, on Friday, students can have their LinkedIn profiles reviewed and then critiqued by some of the Career and Internship Services advisors. There will also be a booth set up with two photographers taking professional headshots that can be used on LinkedIn or other professional sites.

Even if you cannot make every session, Sigmon encourages people to come to at least one session that sparks your interest. Not only will these sessions make it convenient to get the help you need, but it may also encourage you to make a follow up appointment with a career advisor.

"You're primarily in college to learn, so you can get a degree, so you can get a job. Why not start now?" said Sigmon. "These days, everyone is going to be graduating into a really tough job market. It's important that you get started on your professional development as early as possible to ensure that you're ahead of the curve."

Regardless of your year in school, your intended major or professional background, the Career and Internship Services personnel are here for whatever you need and to answer any questions you may have.

Before you can achieve your goals, you have to start with learning the tools you need to succeed, and the Career and Internship Services will be there every step of the way.

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**~Melia Sigmon
Career Peer Ambassador
Class of 2015**

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"We are hoping people from the local community, within a 10 mile radius, will send their children," says Kozma.

The day's schedule includes a half hour of group activity like creative writing, book reviews or an educational game. The remaining hour is dedicated to general homework help. So far, all of the tutors are HPU students enrolled in Service Learning.

The program is accepting other student volunteers that can commit one day a week. "That way they can develop relationships with the students and the students can know who they are," says Kozma. "We really want to serve children in the surrounding area that demonstrate academic difficulty, like below-level reading or a C on a report card, who need the services."

The Service Learning program currently offers three connected courses to the writing center: children's literature, interior design and photography. "The students in my class are studying children's lit and working to develop the curriculum. Their final program is going to be writing a script and putting on a puppet show," says Kozma. "With Service Learning, we want the work they are doing in the community to be connected to what they are learning in the class."

Interior design students have been split into groups and have been developing a new design proposal for the space. The design chosen at the end

of the semester will be implemented. The goal is to create a fun and kid-friendly environment with new furniture and decorations. The photography course will be documenting the before and after product, the history of the center.

"The goal is to do outreach and benefit the local community to engage children from the High Point community and show them that reading and writing can be fun," Kozma says. "And to increase HPU student learning in a hands-on approach. The idea is that they will learn more about it then if they just read the books."

To learn more or to sign up to become a volunteer writing center tutor, email cwc@highpoint.edu



A HPU student reads to a group of children at the new Community Writing Center. Photo by Melia Sigmon

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CNC router and 3-D printer, facilitating a hands-on approach to learning. Nichols sees the lab as a great resource for design students. "What we hope with the lab is that students are able to create these 3-D prototypes of a product, have it made in a recycled material, and be able to test it, work with it, handle it, feel it, be aware there's possible design, packaging, and shipping challenges."

The results from this technology for designers are invigorating. "It's different when you have a 3-D form than when you're looking at something either on paper or on a computer screen," Nichols says of the capabilities of the 3-D printer. "The process can happen very quickly, it's rapid prototyping. Within a few minutes, they have the object in their hands."

With these technologies and professors that remain cognizant of the fluid and rapidly changing world of design, the Visual Merchandising Design and Furnishing/Product Development and Design Programs are sure to be cutting edge.

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cer team. "I think the biggest thing I've learned is to stay motivated and not let any obstacle get in your way," she said. "When my grandfather died, I had no motivation to get in the pool. Two weeks later I competed and won a gold medal. If you stay motivated and dedicated and put in hard work and commitment no obstacle can get in your way."

All of Vrettakos' hard work definitely has paid off and now she has made swimming a priority. She says, "Don't let anything get in the way of your dreams. If there is something you want, you can get there with hard work and dedication."

A&E

A&E book club review: "Something Borrowed"

By Hannah Corwin
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"Something Borrowed" is a well-written romance by Emily Giffin. Rachel White and Darcy Rhone have been best friends from the age of five. Rachel is a quiet, kind, single lawyer, while Darcy is an outgoing, selfish, engaged, PR (public relations) girl. Throughout their friendship, Rachael has become conditioned to always taking second place to Darcy, to always put Darcy's needs ahead of her own.

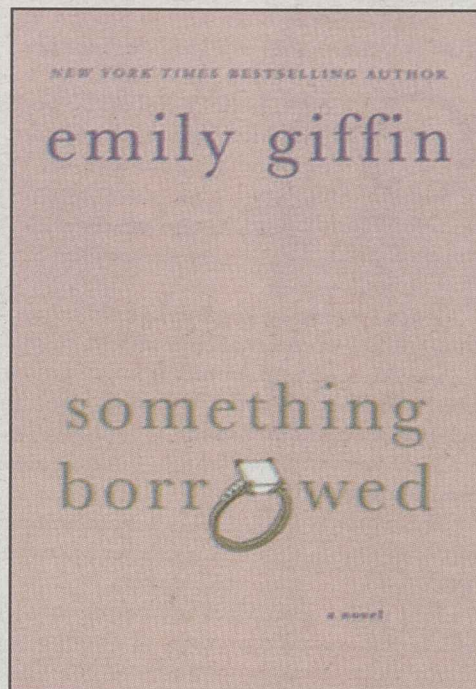
Now, on the eve of Rachel's 30th birthday, all of that is about to change. Rachel's surprise party starts to take on a blurred quality as she and Darcy do shot after shot, until Dex Thaler, Darcy's fiancée, sends Darcy home. Dex takes Rachel out for one last drink, where they reminisce about their time together in law school. While taking a cab ride back to their apartments, they share a kiss.

One thing leads to another, and when Rachel wakes up in the morning she sees Dex lying beside her in her bed. With the previous night's events, Rachel begins to realize that Dex is the only man she has ever loved. She starts to recognize that she made a mistake in passing him along to Darcy seven years ago. Their affair continues throughout the summer, during which Dex and Darcy continue to plan their wedding.

After nearly 25 years of letting Darcy come first, Rachel was finally gaining a sense of self and developing a bit of a backbone. As the wedding draws near, Rachel tells Dex to break off the engagement and be with her. If you want to find out if Dex has the courage to end a broken relationship and be with the woman he truly loves, you'll have to read the book.

Darcy Rhone is the classic character you love to hate. It's easy to believe this beautiful, spoiled, selfish girl. While Rachel is a relatable character, she can seem whiny and too passive in every part of her life; from her affair to Dex, to her apathetic attitude towards her work at a New York law firm. She does earn your respect for going after what she wants. Despite Dex's love affair with Rachael that points to a broken relationship with Darcy, he seems all too willing to enter into a marriage.

Even with Rachel's self-deprecating tendencies, it is easy to sympathize with her. For who hasn't had a friend who always overshadowed them, or fallen in love with the wrong guy? This book is engrossing, funny, romantic and believable. The characters of Darcy, Dex and Rachel are very relatable. "Something Borrowed" is a book that will keep you reading until the very end.



New York Times Bestselling author Emily Griffin writes yet another page turning book. Something Borrowed is a must-have on your bookshelf. Photo by www.esidesign.com

Artist J. Cole
kicks off the
semester with
a musical bangBy Will Kriedberg
Staff Writer

To kick off yet another great semester, music artist J. Cole made his debut in Panther town for the fall concert. After the performance, it proved to be the perfect kickoff as J. Cole did not disappoint. When I first showed up, there were crowds and crowds of people standing outside Roberts's lawn, eagerly awaiting the star's appearance. The concert started around 8 p.m. and J Cole did not come on until about 9:30pm. But as soon as he hit the stage, the crowd roared in excitement. Cole played music from his newest album titled "Born Sinner" but also played hits such as "Work Out" and "Can't Get Enough."

About half way into the concert I took a break from dancing, and started observing the people around me. I wanted to see what some of them were doing and how

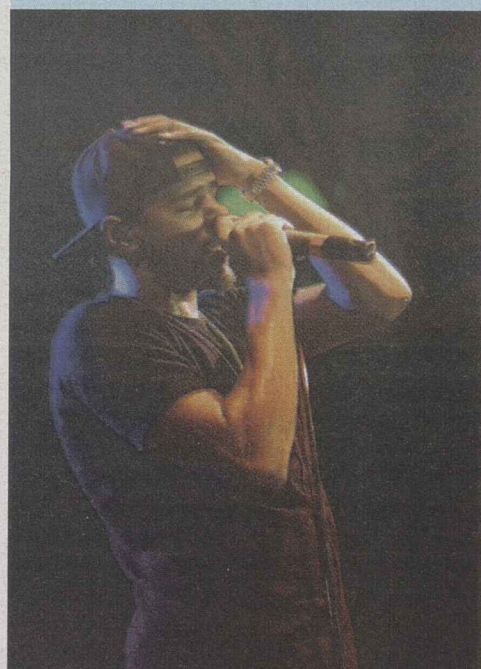


Photo by: Allie Dearie

they were reacting to the concert. From what it looked like, everyone seemed to be under some sort of musical spell. It was actually quite the sight to see. There were people jumping to the beat, and others who were just standing still, eyes glued to the stage. Every now and then you also saw some groups not really watching the concert, but using it as background as they spoke to friends. No matter what people were doing, it was clear that the concert was the perfect place to socialize with friends in a different way compared to other weekends.

At the end of the concert, J. Cole held meet and greets, and when I spoke to student Kyle Grusholt he said, "J Cole is actually a very nice guy, very down to earth and was a pleasure to talk to, and he signed my CD cover and everything. I was very happy I had the chance to meet him."

So overall, J Cole had a great performance, and delivered a memorable show for his fans. High Point University has another concert coming up in the spring with an artist still pending. However, rumor had it that the popular vote is leaning toward bringing in a country singer. So you never know, we might have someone such as Luke Bryan, or Jake Owen!

Semester style recap: Do It Yourself (DIY) shorts

By Jodi Guglielmi
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Even though you have already completed your back to school shopping, there are still a few things you can do to enhance your new semester wardrobe. That's right, DIY shorts are back! This year, logging on to any Pinterest account or Do It Yourself (DIY) website, you would immediately notice the trend of DIY shorts. Well, as the "Daisy Dukes" season is still well underway, let's recap on some of the most popular DIY shorts trends and how you can make them a part of your summer wardrobe.

Acid Wash: No matter the style or color, people are taking it back to the 80's with their acid wash denim shorts. While some stores charge extra for this look, all you need is about \$5 to get a bucket and some bleach and the look can be yours in minutes. All you have to do is dip your shorts into the bleach and hold them there for an allotted amount of time until the desired color has been reached. You can even get a good fade going by holding the shorts at different levels in the bleach for different amounts of time. The longer you hold them in, the lighter they will be. Done with one pair and feeling like a pro? Try creating a design by covering parts of the shorts with a pattern to maintain the color.

Lace: Nothing gives more of a girly flare than adding some lace patchwork to your shorts. Going to a fabric store and buying lace is a cheap way to enhance a plain pair of shorts. You can add the lace virtually anywhere. From a bottom trim to a back pocket, sewing lace onto shorts instantly makes them look unique and stylish in just minutes. Don't know how to sew? Fabric glue can become your best friend though this makes the trim effect a bit more difficult. If using fabric glue, it's best to stick to flatter surfaces of the shorts, such as pockets.

Studs: Embrace your rebellious side with the addition of studs to your favorite pair of old shorts. This is probably the simplest DIY trend and it leaves room for a lot of creativity. Just purchase a bag of studs, which can be found at almost any fabric or craft store, pick up some fabric glue and go crazy! Add studs to your back or front pockets, create the effect of a belt by adding studs around the waist, or take a risk and try and create your own studded pattern. No matter what you decide, adding studs to shorts creates an edge that will impress any fashion onlooker.

Tie-dye: Remember when you used to tie dye shirts at summer camp? Well, believe it or not, you can put those old skills to use again! Use the technique to create a psychedelic flare to a normal pair of denim shorts. Tie-dye kits are fairly inexpensive and can become a great activity to do with friends in your backyard. The best part is that there is no such thing as messing up with tie-dye. Because no tie-dye looks exactly the same, you and your friends will have a blast and all come out with different looking shorts to wear. Just remember, the dye is permanent so wear latex gloves and clothes you don't mind possibly getting stained while making your shorts.

Choose a style and let your creativity take over! If you don't want to use a pair of expensive shorts, take your creation to the next level and buy old thrift store jeans. Before you even attempt the DIY styles you can practice your tailoring skills turning jeans into shorts. If you don't do it right the first time just pick up another pair of \$5 dollar jeans, what do you have to lose?



DIY shorts are the perfect way to enhance your wardrobe without spending too much money! Photo by www.loyaltofashion.blogspot.com

Organizations

Fall CAT Preview: What is happening on campus?

By Savannah Simons
Organizations Editor

Interested in the variety of activities held on campus but don't know what is coming up? The C.A.T., or Campus Activities Team, has a calendar available on the High Point University website outlined with dates and times of events hosted on and off campus. The C.A.T. calendar has an array of events for students to attend including movies in the Extraordinaire Cinema, a scavenger hunt, guest speakers and more.

One of C.A.T.'s most popular events are Catfix, which entails a variety of movie showings including screenings on Monday nights, Throwback Thursdays, movies hosted by faculty on Tuesdays, and even Freshmen Only movie showings.

On Sept. 21, C.A.T. is hosting a scavenger hunt complete with paper clues that lead teams to an end result. The group to finish the scavenger hunt first will win \$200 worth of gift cards and second place will be awarded a private movie showing, complete with popcorn, candy and drinks. The scavenger hunt will start in the Extraordinaire Cinema at 8 p.m. for groups no larger than five people.

"It's interesting because it's not a speed-based scavenger hunt," says Caitlin McKelvey, coordinator of student programming. "It's really puzzle-oriented, so hopefully it'll appeal to a larger number of students because it's really about figuring out the puzzles and working as a team."

For the month of October, several large on and off-campus events will be taking place. On Oct. 8, students will have the opportunity to go off-campus and experience the indoor trampoline facility, Airbound, located in Greensboro. Students are able to sign up for the Airbound event through the Campus Concierge two weeks prior to the event. Later that month, the annual Halloweenfest will be taking place on the Oct. 31 on the International Promenade. Events include a pumpkin carving contest, a costume contest, a movie showing, and a haunted house, which will take place on the Slane basketball court. There will also be treats provided, such as fried Oreos, kettle corn, and corn on the cob.

During the month of November, an event called "Cooking with C.A.T." will take place in the cafeteria located in the Slane Student Center. The event will feature how to bake crème brûlée brownies with candied bacon on top. All ingredients for the tasty dessert can be found in the C-Store and allows any student to bake it in their dorm room. On Nov. 16, Adam Ace, a comedian, will be coming to HPU to host the Free Money Game Show. A variety of questions will be asked to the students who are the most energetic.

"The more energetic and more excited you are, the more likely you are to get picked," says Cassi Cloyd, Coordinator of Student Programming.

Up to \$200 will be given out throughout the game show, which will take place in the Extraordinaire Cinema. Up to 200 students can register to participate through the Campus Concierge.

If interested in knowing about other events on the C.A.T. calendar, visit www.highpoint.edu and click the "Student Activities" link under the "Life on Campus" tab, or "like" C.A.T.'s Facebook page. To see the list of movies scheduled in the Extraordinaire Cinema, visit www.highpoint.edu/studentactivities/extraordinaire-cinema/.

Dear World founder Robert X. Fogarty brings inspiring photo story event to High Point University

By Mayeesa Mitchell
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On Sept. 4, 2013, Robert X. Fogarty, founder of Dear World, used his unique message-on-skin style photography to connect High Point University's faculty, staff and students through their personal messages. "Everyone has a story. [Dear World] is another way to tell stories," said Fogarty, when asked why he created the organization.

Dear World began when Fogarty asked residents to write a love letter to New Orleans in the message-on-skin style after Hurricane Katrina. He noticed that people didn't only write letters to the city but also wrote stories of themselves, their families, and what they struggled with.

Three years later, Fogarty has photographed thousands and made Dear World an international phenomenon that unites people through the stories that they choose to share.

Cassidy Cloyd, Coordinator of Student Programming and advisor of the Campus Activities Team, first experienced the interactive Dear World event at the National Association for Campus Activities exhibit. She brought the event to the members of C.A.T. who believed it would be beneficial to the HPU community and they teamed up with Diversity Club to bring Dear World to campus.

"I thought it would bring a positive message and create connections across campus," said Cloyd, when asked why Dear World was brought to HPU.

The day that the business/art project/social experiment that is Dear World visited HPU, Fogarty took more than 200 photos while stationed in Slane Student Center of student, faculty and staff messages that were written on their skin with the help of student volunteers.

That night, more than 100 people attended the keynote address given by Fogarty in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center. During the address, he shared the stories of a young man who wrote "I am going to college" on his arms, and former New Orleans Saints football player Steve Gleason, who wrote, "No white flags" before asking five HPU students onto the stage to share their stories.

One of those students was Claire Denny, who wrote, "Disabilities ≠ Restraints." While on stage, she talked about how being diagnosed with Dyslexia prompted her love for learning because she finally understood why reading comprehension had been so difficult for her.



A student has a message written on their arm during the Dear World event. Photo by Allie Dearie



Claire Denny showing her message at Dear World. Photo by Mayeesa Mitchell

HPU Sales Club to compete at four national conferences

By Savannah Simons
Organizations Editor

With the help of Mr. Laurence Quinn, assistant professor of Marketing, and several marketing students eager to learn and practice selling techniques, the High Point University Sales Club was brought to life. The HPU Sales Club, which is just one of many chapters across the nation, is designed for students who are looking to enhance their selling and personal business skills. By joining the club, students are able to put their selling skills to the test at conferences and events throughout the nation.

"This club will showcase some of HPU's most talented students on a national stage where many of the best marketing firms in the country come to meet motivated and well-trained sales talent," says Quinn.

Although a relatively new organization on campus, the HPU Sales Club has big ideas and events in store. During the school year, the HPU Sales Club plans on attending four separate conferences at college campuses all over the U.S., including Florida State University and William Patterson University in November, and Kennesaw State and Northern Illinois University in March of next year. Members such as Arielle Stratton are eager to participate in conferences to represent HPU, as well as meet others and potentially receive job offers from top U.S. businesses.

"Our main goal is to prepare for the competitions at the same time that we're enhancing our selling and personal business skills," says Luiza Fogaca, a member of the HPU Sales Club. "We'll have certain fundraisers to help with the cost of the trips as well as on-campus events where we'll try to bring speakers from the field to share their experiences with students."

While several members are on the path of pursuing a major in business, the club does not limit its members to one major as there are a variety of majors involved, including communication, education and science. This club is not only designed to improve selling and business skills, but network with professionals and students alike.

"I expect to gain a comprehensive knowledge of everything involved in making a sale in this club," says student Chris Thompson. "I have already learned so much in such a short amount of time, and I am very excited to see how we



Members of HPU Sales Club with Professor Quinn. Photo by Melia Sigmon

can all grow together in this club."

Each week, the HPU Sales Club holds a club meeting, where members enhance their skills and prepare for upcoming competitions.

If interested in joining the HPU Sales Club, stop by a club meeting, which is hosted every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Norton 101. Students are also able to stay updated on the club by "liking" their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hpusalesclub.

Sports



Will new Athletic Center lead to Big South dominance?

By Joe Wetzler
Staff Writer

Just as High Point University's campus has continued to grow over the past several years, the athletics at HPU have grown and succeeded as well.

HPU has recently added two Division-1 lacrosse teams and needs a place for them. The school, along with donors, has rewarded the achievements of the athletics department with the construction of a new Athletic Performance Center. HPU plans to begin the construction on the \$9 million, 31,500-square foot Athletic Performance Center this fall.

This facility will have brand new locker rooms and lounges for both men's and women's lacrosse and soccer teams. The second floor of the building, overlooking the field, will be where the media and video production team works. The third floor is dedicated as a hospitality suite.

The first-class media area will allow the Panthers to be featured more prominently on television broadcasts and high definition streaming video. There will also be more offices for the coaches and other staff members in the building as well.

In addition, the center will include a 120-seat academic center so the student-athletes here at HPU will have more space and more technology to complete their schoolwork. A new athletic training center will be included, which will help athletes in preventing injuries, treating injuries and overall daily health. It will also house a hydrotherapy area with a Hydroworx in-ground cold whirlpool and an underwater treadmill for quicker rehabilitation.

The success of these athletic teams shows that they deserve a new facility. HPU's women's lacrosse team, in only their fourth year as a program, has won multiple conference championships and advanced to the 2013 NCAA Tournament.

The women's soccer team has been to the NCAA Tournament four times since 2003 and the men's soccer team reached No. 23 in the national rankings in 2012.

The brand new HPU men's lacrosse team looks to keep pace with these other teams as they build their program.

While the Steele Center has done a great job in housing our athletics in the past, it cannot fit all of the HPU teams comfortably anymore. The school wants our athletics to represent HPU to the fullest and this type of facility will allow them to do that at a higher level.

The new building will comfortably house our current athletes, but look for it to attract a larger number of high-level recruits for the future. Both women's soccer coach Marty Beall and men's coach Dustin Fonder could not be more excited to use this facility as a key recruiting tool.

"The Athletic Performance Center will truly change the dynamics of our recruit-

ing. We will have one of the nicest facilities in the nation. The academic center will help our student-athletes greatly in terms of academic development. The athletic training center will be state-of-the-art and help keep our athletes on the field and healthy," said Beall.

"It will help us recruit at a higher level and help us continue to compete at a higher level. The Athletic Performance Center will be one of the best facilities in the country," said Fonder.

It looks as if this new facility could be the key to HPU Athletics becoming consistently great every year across all sports. Students should be excited about this new facility, as it will lead to more excitement for the fans for years to come.

With an already successful group of athletic programs, this facility could take HPU sports to the next level.

Opinion: Manziel polarizing news, colleges, sports fans

By Jason Lucarelli
Staff Writer

Picture this: you've set the SEC record for total yards (5,116), registered 47 touchdowns and led your team to victory at the Cotton Bowl Classic, a 41-13 victory over Oklahoma. And yes, you became the first freshman ever to win the Heisman award.

It's just a season in the past for Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel, whose off-field shenanigans and expectations for even brighter things in the future overshadow a stat line that most quarterbacks would love to have as their college career totals.

Flash forward to this season: through 6 halves (due to a suspended first half in game one against Rice) - 34-49 (69.4%) pass completions, 497 yards, 6 touchdowns.

Manziel's improved vision, accuracy, arm strength and enhanced split second decision-making, and unparalleled footwork makes Division 1 athletes look silly trying to tackle him.

If you follow any sport that requires turning on ESPN, odds are you're sick of hearing his name. But the combination of skill, confidence, swagger and his entertaining style makes him the catalyst of the game

play the Aggies put on every Saturday.

However, his on-field skill is only half of the story.

Every middle-aged man with a microphone that gets paid to analyze college football has the same complaints. They say he parties too hard, or say he's not focused. His abrasive personality and antics disrespect the game and shine a negative light on his team, many complain.

Most believe the NCAA simply chose to ignore the fact that every single sign pointed directly towards him being guilty for being paid to sign autographs, a clear violation of collegiate athlete rules.

So, if this hypothesis is true, the NCAA must've had a reason for doing this, right? The reason is simple: he is not only the best offensive player in college football right now, but also the best entertainer.

Stories can travel as fast as any kid with a smart phone can tweet and it isn't helping his case. "Johnny talking during church" or "Manziel picks nose in public" is just as likely to be featured on SportsCenter with a circle of analysts and an "expert" chiming in via phone as "Johnny passes for 3 touchdowns" or "Manziel throws 2 picks."

The closest way of comparing how the media puts him in the spotlight is to imagine holding a magnifying glass over an ant,

anxiously waiting for it to ignite.

He might as well delete his Twitter for his own sake, as ESPN's in house cryptologist carefully analyzes every 140 character message he sends out to trace for signs of linking him to the Illuminati.

Manziel gives them their money's worth, too.

From responding to haters on Twitter with a picture of his Heisman, to feeling his imaginary money after touchdowns and writing imaginary autographs for defensive linemen, the kid puts on a show.

Insert the "Jonny Cam," CBS's new idea to feature a camera on him for the entirety of the huge SEC match up of Texas A&M vs. The Alabama Crimson Tide. It covers him both on the field and off, to entice fans' wildest dreams of seeing everything from what he says in the huddle to what flavor of Gatorade he prefers.

A bombastic personality sparks debate. Ask Terrell Owens, Chad Ochocinco or even Miley Cyrus. Love him or hate him, if you have an opinion it means you're still watching Johnny Manziel and care enough to talk about him.

Now, obviously the college sports jury has spoken and the gavel has been hammered as the verdict was made on Manziel's innocence for the autograph scandal.

But, if there was some foul play when this decision was reached, it would be easy to realize why. The NCAA, just like the NFL, NBA and NHL is a business, and Johnny Football is very good business.

"At the end of the day, I was just living my life... I don't think I overdid it. I made mistakes, obviously, and I've acknowledged those and learned from them. I had fun and lived my life to the fullest. That's what I'm all about," said Manziel in a recent interview.

Regardless of his actions, the ultimate attraction to him is that Johnny can do what we can't. I'm not talking about eluding five defenders and chucking a 50-yard missile downfield to a receiver on a slant route. I'm referring to a much more precious skill.

Johnny Manziel is not afraid to be himself. In a world where everyone is so consumed with staying connected via social media, the press and the word of mouth; he walks out in front of 50,000 or more fans every weekend and shows us who he is.

Johnny Manziel lives his life the way he wants to on and off the field. This means you will find him all over your Sunday newspaper. His game stats on page one of the newspaper... and his Saturday night on page two.

Sports

Men's Soccer 2013: Team heating up after 0-3 start

By Jason Lucarelli
Staff Writer

A new season has started for the High Point University men's soccer team, and the first three games were rough. However, the hard fought contests have brought with them valuable lessons that this young squad will benefit from moving forward.

While starting 0-3 in their first three games against Old Dominion, UAB and South Carolina, head coach Dustin Fonder is optimistic moving forward.

"This is a new group with a new identity," said Fonder. "We have aspirations of achieving more here. We are not satisfied with the results at all. We're not going to hang our heads over it and we're going to keep working and figure out a way to solve these problems."

Fonder also added that they are done dwelling over mistakes in the past.

The main problem so far for this Panther club, who has been outscored 13-5 in the first three games, has been inexperience. However, the Panthers outscored Navy and UNC Greensboro 4-0 over their last two games. The inexperience is natural when you add 14 new players to a team in which injuries have also been a factor.

"Youth has shown and we've had some key injuries. I think the combination of the two has held us back here a bit at the start," said Fonder.

Mainly these injuries have affected the midfield. Freshman recruit Tony Murillo, who was ranked fifth in the 2013 recruiting class by ESPN Rise, has been red-shirted for the year in order to get him healthy for next season.

Senior captain Adam Sewell has been troubled by injury, but is expected to return soon.

The midfield has been headed mainly by junior Colson Wiley, freshmen Chris Ramsell and Renato Punyed, and redshirt sophomore Cameron Foster. Sophomore Collin Sweeney and freshman Brandon Sloan have also added minutes.

On the defensive side, Fonder stresses the squad is playing together as a unit.

"The main thing we have to get back to is defending more as a team. You can't just count on your goal keeper," said Fonder. "It has to start with your forward line and all the way back and getting a commitment from the total team to defend for 90 minutes."

This team is very strong at the goalkeeper position, with redshirt sophomore Kody Palmer being the number one and freshman Ryan Massey following as a very close second. Redshirt sophomore Jacob Boyd adds depth to this position as well.

As for the players who man the ground on the defensive side, new faces have been jumping in and seeing time. Freshmen Dolu Oyewole and Jonathan Ware have stepped in right away and saw 244 and 224 minutes in the first three games, respectively.

Redshirt junior transfer student Sonny Mukungo from N.C. State University totaled 211 minutes in the opening three games, and Fonder is optimistic he will only continue to get better as he is with the team longer.

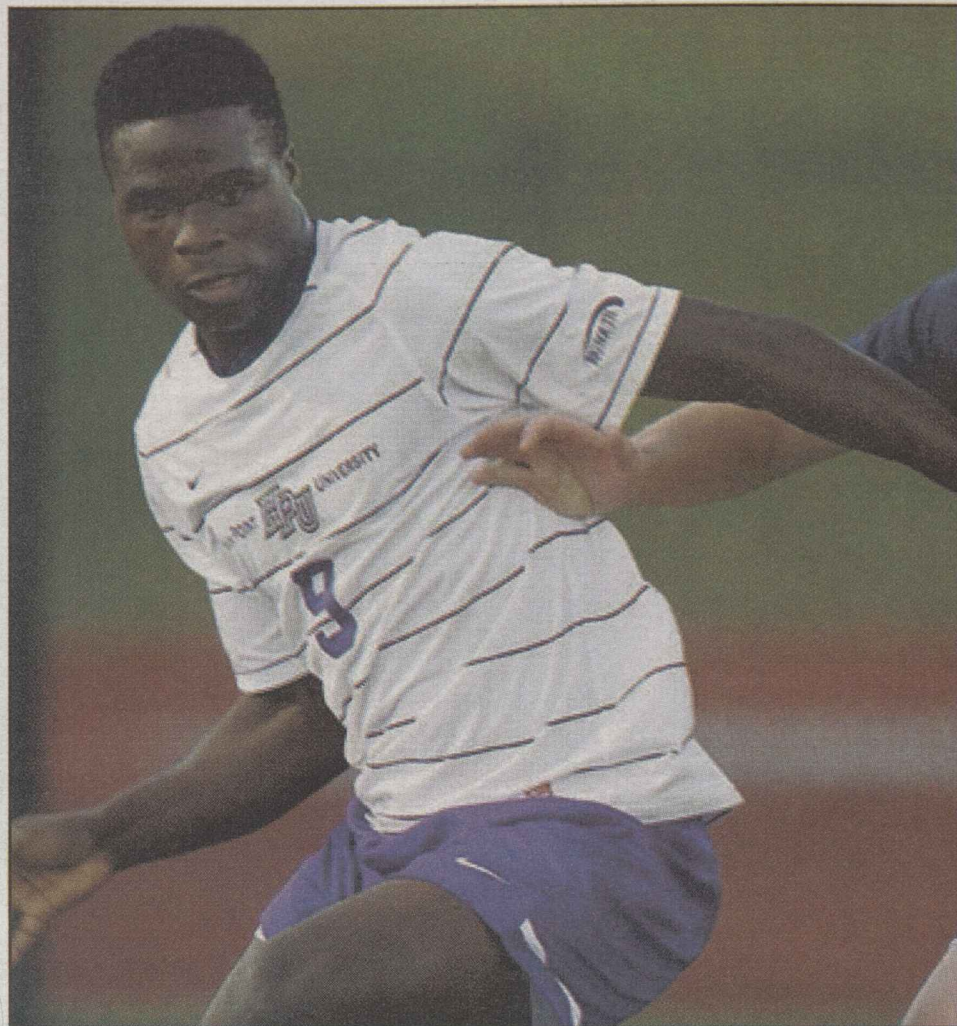
Red-shirt junior Matt Donald and returning defender sophomore Erien Campbell have seen chunks of minutes.

Two other sophomores have added considerable minutes. Emerging leader Austin Yearwood, who delivers free kicks and set pieces, has played every minute, as well as Adam Storm adding 255 minutes.

The primary goal scorer for the Panthers is forward Mamadee Nyepon, a local Greensboro product and member of the All Big South first team last season. He led the team with two goals after the first three games and added a third at UNC Greensboro.

"We rely heavily on Mamadee to score. We'd like to get some assistance from Matt Gweh, Ben Burdon and Pat Shelton," said Fonder.

Austin Yearwood also poses a threat on the offensive end, creating goals with three assists in three games. Campbell, Shelton



Mamadee Nyepon goes for a ball in the Sept. 14 Panther 2-0 victory over Navy at Vert Stadium. Photo courtesy of HPU Sports Information

and Storm have also tallied a goal each, and Burdon has added an assist.

Moving forward, Coach Fonder hopes that these early season struggles will ultimately be lessons for this young team.

"We've played a very demanding schedule, and when we make mistakes we pay for it. Hopefully those lessons carry over into conference play, and we'll be a better team come that time," said Fonder. "This group hasn't learned to win yet, it's about being more resilient."

For fans that want to catch the Panthers in action, Coach Fonder hopes to have large crowds against Big South Conference opponents and more.

"We have some really good conference games this year at home: Liberty, Coastal Carolina and Winthrop," said Fonder.

After two big wins against UNC Greensboro and Navy, things are looking up for the Panthers and conference play is soon about to pick up.



Vert stadium will play host to all home soccer games this fall even with the the big construction plans. Photo courtesy of HPU Sports Information

Women's soccer looks to recapture conference title

By Liz Reichart
Staff Writer

Head Coach Marty Beall knew that beating UNC Greensboro was going to be a challenge, even for his highly motivated team.

"I think we have to understand our roles and do our individual roles at the highest level, and most importantly communicate as a team," said Beall. "We have to really work together. The ball's got to bounce our way."

The lady Panthers fell 3-1 in their very first home game against UNC Greensboro, with senior Kelli Joline scoring the singular goal, her first of the season. This brings the team's overall scoring record 0-3 after only playing 3 non-conference teams.

In a loss to William and Mary on Aug. 30, the team faltered in the second half.

"The first half I thought we were fantastic," said Beall. "The second half- where we needed to improve was coming out with the same urgency and intensity as we did in the first half. I think we dropped off just a little bit and William and Mary stepped it up a little bit."

Despite these initial losses, Beall sees many areas in which the team is able to perform consistently.

"They're learning," said Beall. "I love the fact that every single week we're get-

ting better and better. That shows that the players are serious about what they're doing here."

Coach Beall maintains that the players are showing great skill in being reliably aggressive on the field. He adds that there's more of a fight and a bite to the team.

In a 2013 poll, High Point was selected to finished second in the Big South. After winning the 2012 Big South Regular Season Championship, the team is determined to repeat and rise above.

"When players come to High Point University, they already know that they are competing for championships every year," said Beall. "This means we don't even need to talk about it."

As to who's going to lead the Panthers to back-to-back titles, Beall says that no single player will step out above the tight unity of the others, but Senior Becca Hemby will be playing a key leadership role on the team this year.

"We have some excellent young players," Beall promised. "Jenny Marshall is going to be a big impact this year. Our main goal this year is that the players are focused every session on getting better."

At the end of the day, it seems the initial setbacks the women's soccer team has been faced with are only gearing them up to achieve those coveted Big South titles.



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Alternative Fall Break presents opportunities for students to give back

By Jodi Guglielmi
A&E Editor

While some students use their Fall Break as a chance to go home, relax, and take their mind off of school, some use it as a chance to give back to others. High Point University is offering two unique service trips to give students the opportunity to serve those less fortunate during their 10-day break from school. This year, HPU is sending a select group on both a domestic and an international trip.

Due to the destruction caused by the tornados that hit Oklahoma last spring, students will travel to Moore, Okla., and help with the devastation. A total of 18 students will work together on the construction of houses that were destroyed by the storm. While the details of how many houses will be built has not been confirmed, students will work to put many people who were left homeless back under a stable roof.

While each student will be asked to pay a small stipend, most of the funding will be provided by SGA. HPU has partnered with the Oakridge United Methodist Church to help organize and work out the details of the trip to make it not only enjoyable, but affordable as well.

Because this is a service trip, students will not stay in hotels. In fact, for the week they are there, they will live a very simplistic life.

"They [Oakridge United Methodist Church] work to help keep the lodging costs down by finding a place where they can sleep. Students typically stay at places such as churches or in affiliated families homes," said Gail Tuttle, vice president for student life.

If students want to travel further than Oklahoma, an international trip to Guatemala is also offered. Here, students will work to repair stoves for those in need. This will not be the first time that HPU students have traveled to Guatemala.

Since so many people have shown interest in the trip, the application for Guatemala is rather extensive. Students class status, GPA, and written reason for wanting to go on the trip is taken into deep consideration.

"We usually have triple the number of applicants apply than spaces available. For this reason we do have to be rather selective," said Tuttle.

Not only do students have to pass the application process, but they also have to pay a larger fee as well as raise \$1,500. The extra cost is due to the further distance that they are traveling and the nature of the stove repairs. The money they raise will go toward the cost of the stoves.

Taking advantage of the Alternative Fall Break options is a great way to utilize your time and give back to those who need your help, says Tuttle. Not only will you learn the nobility of serving, but also develop new relationships with fellow students, outlooks on the world and leadership skills through what will be an unforgettable opportunity.

HPU breaks ground on Center for Student Success

By Anne Davey
Opinion Editor

During family weekend, High Point University had a special unveiling ceremony, breaking ground on the \$16 million Center for Student Success. The new building, which will cover 40,000 square feet of space adjacent to the University Center, is being entirely funded by parent and student donations. The building, slated to open next fall, is primarily funded by three prominent High Point families, and will be named for the largest benefactor, The Cottrell family.

Plans for this building took root this time last year, during family weekend 2012, when President Qubein announced his dream of such a center here at High Point for continuing education and furthering academic and career excellence. Families were able to make these dreams into a reality. As donations continued to stream in, the costs of the project continued to expand. By fall 2014, on the corner of Fifth Street where the colorful houses once stood, will stand a regal building: the Center for Student Success.

This building will house career and internship services, study abroad offices, experiential learning, and graduate admis-

sions counseling. As High Point continues to grow and expand educational and vocational programs, it grows and expands physically as well.

Students - past, current and future - will benefit from all of the incredible programs

restaurant, which has yet to be determined, and will be located on a newly repaved road facing the University Center, open only to pedestrian traffic. During the groundbreaking ceremony, President Qubein promised beautification of the entire area



Breaking ground on the Student Success Center. Photo by Melia Sigmon

the new building is set to house. In addition to expanding the university's career and study abroad options, the center will also work with freshmen students to ensure their successful transition to the university. The building will be home to a new campus

and looks forward to an even more inspiring environment when the center opens this coming fall. He expressed gratitude to the families and parents who have made his vision a reality.

Abu Rugs produces two rug designs from HPU students

By Stephanie Schwartz
Advertising Editor

When Abu Khan of Abu Rugs and Home came to speak in an interior design class about his rug store, he offered the students a chance of a lifetime: to have their designs created into beauti-

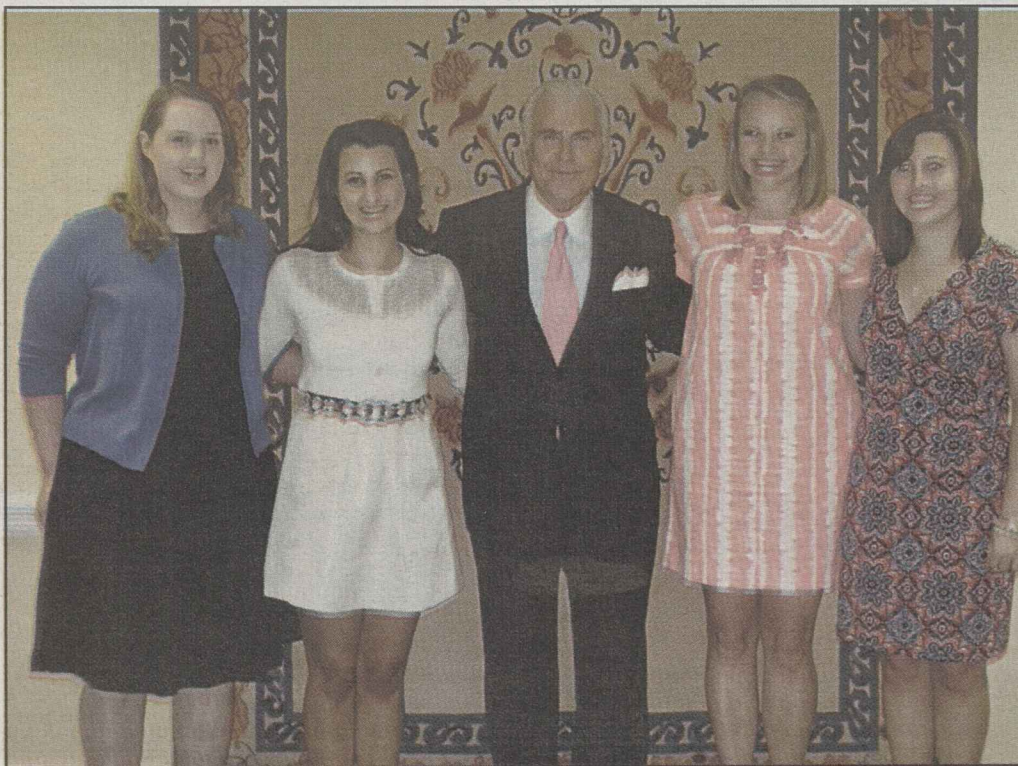
fully handcrafted rugs. Most students in the class thought Khan's offer was too good to be true, but five students took a leap of faith and decided to have Khan produce their rugs. Ally-Catherine Trenary, Susannah Murphy, Jourdan Sullivan and Becca Rowan collaborated on one rug and Kayla Kucerik created her own design. The five

girls met with Khan and other designers on his team to brainstorm ideas, create a design and pick colors and materials to make the rugs. The designing process took about three months, the creation of the rugs about four, and then a month to ship back to High Point.

Both rugs were presented on Sept. 28 to Dr. Nido Qubein, HPU president, and friends and family over Family Weekend. The five designers spoke about the designing and collaborative efforts with Khan and his staff. They are the first HPU students to have collaborated with a local rug designer. Their pieces will be featured at the upcoming Furniture Market before returning to be hung on campus.

The collaboration rug took its main inspiration from the gardens around campus. Each designer embellished the corners of the rug with their monograms as well as Qubein's in the center of the rug. Keeping with a North Carolinian theme, the rug has acorns woven in to many parts of the rug. Meanwhile, Kucerik's solo-designed rug took its inspiration from a dress pattern, focused on curves of different textures and design. Both rugs boast a woven HPU logo as well.

Dr. John Turpin, dean of the School of Art and Design, said that from now on, students in a History 2 class will host a design competition where the winner's rug will be produced by Khan and delivered to campus.



Ally-Catherine Trenary, Susannah Murphy, Becca Rowan and Jordan Sullivan present their rug to HPU President Nido Qubein (center). Photo by Stephanie Schwartz

Opinion

Wall to Wall: Social Media in Classrooms

By Jodi Guglielmi
A&E Editor

“Don't forget to do your homework and check Facebook for class updates!” This might not be a sentence that you thought you'd ever hear coming from a teacher, but with social media's rapid growth, teachers are starting to incorporate it into their class syllabi.

According to Facebook, as of June 2013 there are 1.15 billion active monthly users. Originally created for college students, people between the ages of 18-29 still hold the biggest presence on the site.

There's an ongoing debate about the role that social media should play in an educational classroom. While some argue for restriction and regulation, claiming that the use of electronics and social media in the classroom can be distracting and take away from the value of learning, many professors are beginning to find the exact opposite to be true. I believe that social media is in fact a beneficial tool that enriches learning by allowing students and professors to connect in further instructions and discussions outside of the classroom.

With the knowledge that students are now entering universities well versed in all things social media, many professors are creating Facebook pages and Twitter accounts linked to their courses and using them as an additional teaching tool.

In a time when communication and technology are two of the most important business tools, I believe that teaching students to effectively use social media in a professional and responsible manner can help lead them to success in the future.

Education related Facebook pages are dedicated to outside class instruction and used as a place where students can come together and post questions that they need answered quickly or comments to continue outside class discussion. And for most classes, Facebook is proving to be more beneficial than harmful.

“Students will post a question about where an assignment is located, when something is due, etc. and other students will have answered the question on the Facebook page before I have even seen it,” said High Point University Professor Laura Stevens, who created a Facebook page for her music class for the first time this year. “I think it's a great way to keep students connected and invested in the class.”

Creating a Facebook page can give students who are normally shy and hesitant to raise their hand in class an outlet to better help them communicate and stay engaged in the course material. Teachers can even give out participa-

tion points for commenting on a Facebook post or tweeting about what they learned that day. By continuing discussion outside of normal class hours, students are able to stay engaged in the material, which in turn will help their internal and long-term learning.

In Jose Antonio Bowen's book “Teaching Naked: How Moving Technology Out of Your College Classroom Will Improve Learning,” he speaks about some of the fundamental benefits that come with integrating social media into universities. One of the biggest points he made in his book focused on the idea of virtual office hours.

Saying that office hours are rather outdated, it's more about “When can I contact [the professor] and how can I contact [the professor]?” said Bowen.

Having set times limits accessibility and can hinder a student's success in the class. Virtual office hours via email or Facebook allows for relatively immediate contact, which benefits the students and professors. Questions can be answered and any confusion can be cleared up quickly, without the boundaries of set times.

Having an online presence also opens up the door for an important aspect of learning that I believe is often overlooked: slow thinking. So many times a student raises their hand and asks a question that the professor does not immediately know the answer to. Instead of saying, “I'll tell you next class,” the professor can take some time, find the answer, and relay it to the student via social media. This gives time for deeper and more accurate thought.

While some may say that this will never work because of lack of regulation, I disagree completely. I believe that regulation is actually the most important part of the equation in making social media integration successful. Just as students are able to gain points for participation, they should also lose points for lack of participation and inappropriate use of the page.

If a student is on Facebook during a time not approved by the professor while in class, it should negatively affect their grade. While we would be making social media a bigger part of outside learning, the rules within the classroom would have to be stricter to reflect the change. College students are known for their ability to be easily distracted. Putting social media in their reach at all times can teach them responsibility and control.

While this might be a debate that goes on for a few more semesters, maybe even years within universities, I believe that integrating social media into classrooms is ultimately inevitable. While there are still some kinks to work out, the pros clearly outweigh the cons. Starting sooner rather than later can help bridge the gap between technology and the academic world.

Across the Pond

By Whitney Yount
Staff Writer

For the past two and a half weeks, I've been living in Winchester, England, with nine other High Point University students. It's been absolutely incredible so far - we've met students from all around the world; we've traveled to Bath, Stonehenge, the Jurassic Coast, and London; we've started going to our lessons; and we've eaten a lot of fish and chips.

Being an American in England is definitely a strange experience. On the surface, it's fairly easy to adjust to living here: the culture is much like the culture we're used to, the language is the same as it is at home, and most British people (contrary to what we were expecting) love meeting Americans.

Although England initially seems very similar to the U.S., everything here also seems just slightly off, constantly reminding us that we're in a new country. Of course, there are the large differences that we all know about, like the fact that the Brits drive on the left side of the road instead of the right, and the fact that french fries here are called “chips.”

But then there are the smaller differences, the ones that sneak up on us. In the U.K., orange juice doesn't come with “pulp,” it comes with “juicy bits.” The exit signs don't say “Exit,” but instead say “Way Out.” Some of the exit signs actually don't say anything at all - they just show a picture of a man running toward a door. Going to the supermarket is especially bizarre; even the brands that we're used to have different logos, slightly different names, or different packaging than they do at home.

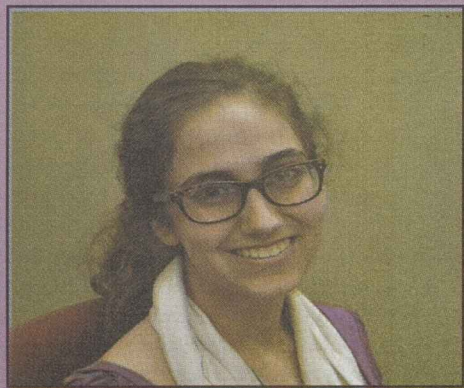
The school system is also very different here than it is in America. Right now, we're at University, which students only attend for three years before graduating with a Bachelor's degree. To English students, “College” is the school that comes before Uni (university), making their version of “college” somewhat like our high school. They left their version of “high school” years ago.

Classes here are called modules, and they only meet once a week for a couple of hours. Most of the modules that I'm in this term have one hour of lecture per week, followed by an hour or two of seminar, which is usually more discussion-based. The grades for almost every module are based on just one or two large assignments, as opposed to the many smaller grades that we receive in classes at HPU.

I'm still learning new things about England every day, and it's been so much fun so far. I can't wait to see what the next 10 weeks have in store for us here. Life on the other side of the pond is different, but that's what study abroad is all about. Cheers!

Hey HPU, what costume are you wearing for Halloween?

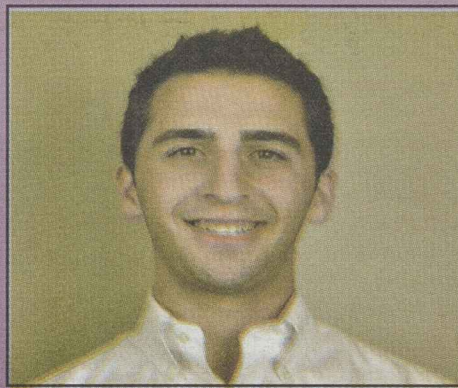
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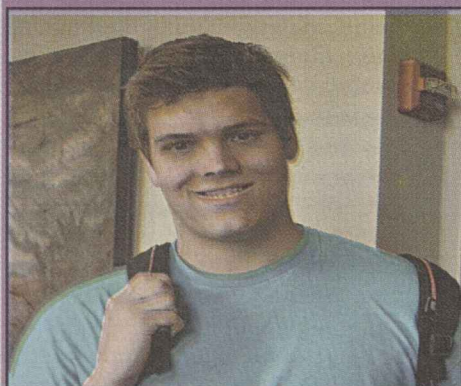
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Hayley Ellman- Junior



I'm wearing a Onesie!
Meka Timlic- Junior



A Firefighter
Tyler Odenath- Senior



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Taylor Blackshaw- Junior

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News

'Queen of the Carnaval' shakes up HPU

By Liz Reichart
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On Sept. 21, a crowd at the David Hayworth Fine Arts Center was transported to Colombia in a colorful fury of celebrational dance. Daniela Capeda Tarud, also known as the 2013 Queen of the Carnaval de Barranquilla, brought a taste of her heritage to High Point. Barranquilla is a city in Colombia known for its over-the-top Carnaval revelries, and each year, a queen is selected from Barranquilla to lead the wide expanse of cultural events – a huge honor to say the least. The four days of Carnaval in Barranquilla are of such great cultural importance that in 2003, UNESCO proclaimed the festival as one of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity.

"La Reina del Carnaval" in her poise and astonishing beauty, took the stage with Caribbean dance group Quil-lami as part of the High Point Faculty Cultural Enrichment Grant Series. Dr. Hayden Carron, assistant professor of Spanish at HPU, selected the program.

"It is an honor to host Daniela Capeda Tarud, 2013 Queen of the Carnival, at HPU," Carron said. "I selected her as part of the Faculty Grant series because of the unique insight into the rich tradition and importance of the Caribbean Carnival that she can convey to students and community members."

"Carnaval de Barranquilla. Only three words, but they represent a whole magical world full of strong and happy emotions, of great diversity, of cultural expressions, of history, and meanings. It is the world of joy where dreams are confused with reality or perhaps, where they become reality," Daniela said to the audience before taking the stage to dance.

The vivid display of light, costume, and beating drums exemplified Colombian custom in all of its enthusiastic glory. The Queen commanded the stage with her sequined gowns and towering heels. She embodied every part of the Colombian tradition and by the end of the performance, the audience was on their feet, sharing in the party.

"I hope after this night you will have your Carnaval gene activated and you will not hesitate to go to Carnaval de Barranquilla next year that will take place on your spring break, March 1-4. So you have no excuses for not going," her majesty joked with the audience.

The audience reaction to the liveliness of the all the dancers and their Colombian costumes was well received. "The Queen of the Carnaval was very impressive," said HPU freshman Dalton Sheppard. "I loved learning about an important part of Colombian culture from someone so talented."

"It doesn't matter where you are born. You can be a Barranquillero as long as you live a life with passion and brighten the world with your smile," Daniela said of her hometown's love of Carnaval. Then she shined light on the vibrancy that is the Barranquilla Carnaval in a presentation that left the audience dancing to the beat of Colombian drums.



Daniela Capeda Tarud dances at the Queen of the Carnaval.
Photo by Allie Dearie

International Spotlight: Mohammed Aloumi from Saudi Arabia

By James Ensor
Staff Writer

Most students arrive at college with the intention of earning a degree. But Mohammed Aloumi isn't your typical student.

Three years ago, Aloumi arrived in the U.S. with limited knowledge of the English language. He traveled from his home in Ad Dammam, Saudi Arabia with his brother, who also had very limited skills in English.

"Moving to the United States was a culture shock," Aloumi said. "I had to adapt to the area and be more interactive."

The Aloumi brothers arrived in North Ridge, Calif., where they began an English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

"My brother and I stick together and help each other with every dilemma," Aloumi said.

Aloumi decided to travel to the U.S. to seek a better education. In Saudi Arabia, he received an associate's degree in accounting from King Faisal University. But for him, that wasn't enough.

"You have to make something of yourself because the world doesn't give any chances," Aloumi said. "You have to strive to really succeed."

This mentality is what ultimately led Aloumi to High Point University.

"Ever since I stepped foot at High Point, it felt like an environment where I could do something great," Aloumi said.

Before finding HPU, Aloumi searched for the perfect college for some time. Eventually his aunt, who lives in Washington, D.C., came across HPU.

"I want to bring even more international students to campus," Aloumi said. "I want to repay the kindness that everyone gave to me."

As a child, Aloumi's father instilled in his son his kindness and generosity. Ultimately, his father became his idol because of every thing that he has done for his family.

"My father works so hard for my family," Aloumi said. "He has sacrificed so much."

Aloumi rarely sees his parents, as he hasn't been back to Saudi Arabia since he arrived in the U.S. His parents visit during the summer, where the whole family meets in Florida.

Aloumi is the oldest of five children, the youngest, at 13, still lives in Saudi Arabia with his parents. Aloumi is on a scholarship sponsored by the Saudi Arabian government. The goal of this scholarship is to inspire young adults to seek a better education outside of the country. They hope that students will then bring the knowledge back home.

In the future, Aloumi hopes to finish his degrees and attend a masters program. Later, he plans on getting a job here in the U.S. and eventually raising a family. He also intends on bringing his family, still in Saudi Arabia, to the U.S.

For now, Aloumi is staying focused on his schoolwork and all of the many activities and academic offerings available at HPU.

"I want everyone to experience HPU because it is phenomenal," Aloumi said.

U.S. News and World Report: HPU ranks No. 1

By Anne Davey
Opinion Editor

High Point University is once again making headlines, ranking No.1 three times in the most recent U.S. News & World Report college rankings. For the second year in a row, High Point was rated No. 1 Best Regional College in the South, as well as the No. 1 Up and Coming School in Regional Colleges in the South. This year, High Point received for the first time the No. 1 ranking for Best Undergraduate Teaching in Regional Colleges of the South.

The U.S. News & World Report rankings annually evaluate the top tier four-year schools across the nation. Rankings are based on measure of quality that include, but are not limited to, graduation and retention rates, undergraduate academic reputation, experiential learning opportunities, and faculty resources. These rankings are continually viewed as the most extensive and trustworthy of their type.

Just eight short years ago, High Point was ranked No. 17 by U.S. News in the same annual report. Progressing steadily under the tenure of President Nido Qubein, the university has continued to grow and expand, moving up each year in the rankings to secure the No. 1 spot. In addition to being named No. 1 three times in "America's Best Colleges," High Point was named fourth among private schools in North Carolina for the Best Return on Investment, as well as a 2013-2014 College of Distinction.

"HPU students are mentored by dedicated faculty who appreciate their role as enablers of learning," says Dr. Qubein. "We continue to focus on planting seeds of greatness in the minds, the hearts and the souls of our students. These rankings reflect our career-focused outcomes that students and parents appreciate."

High Point's big achievements with this year's rankings readily display the growth and progress this university has, and continues

to take pride in. Under Qubein's tenure, the school has grown exponentially in many majors ways. New academic majors, buildings, graduate school programs, and athletics make High Point stand out even more, and contribute to the overall success of the school. It is evident that this progress has not gone unnoticed by the students, and certainly not by U.S. News & World Report.

The official High Point University Facebook post, from Sept. 10, announcing our rankings for this year received more than 300 likes from parents, students, alumni and faculty. Shared more than 200 times to much acclaim, it is safe to say that the High Point community was overwhelmingly proud of the accomplishments.

"It's a great feeling getting to see the great things that go on here first hand, and it feels even better when that greatness is validated," says Griffin Spencer, a sophomore from Virginia. "Hearing about us being number one isn't much of a surprise to me, but it excites me to see that people from all around are beginning to recognize just how extraordinary we are."

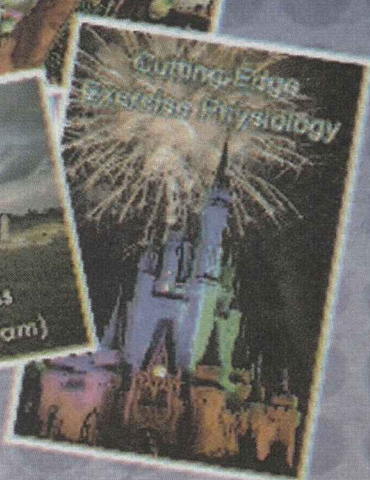
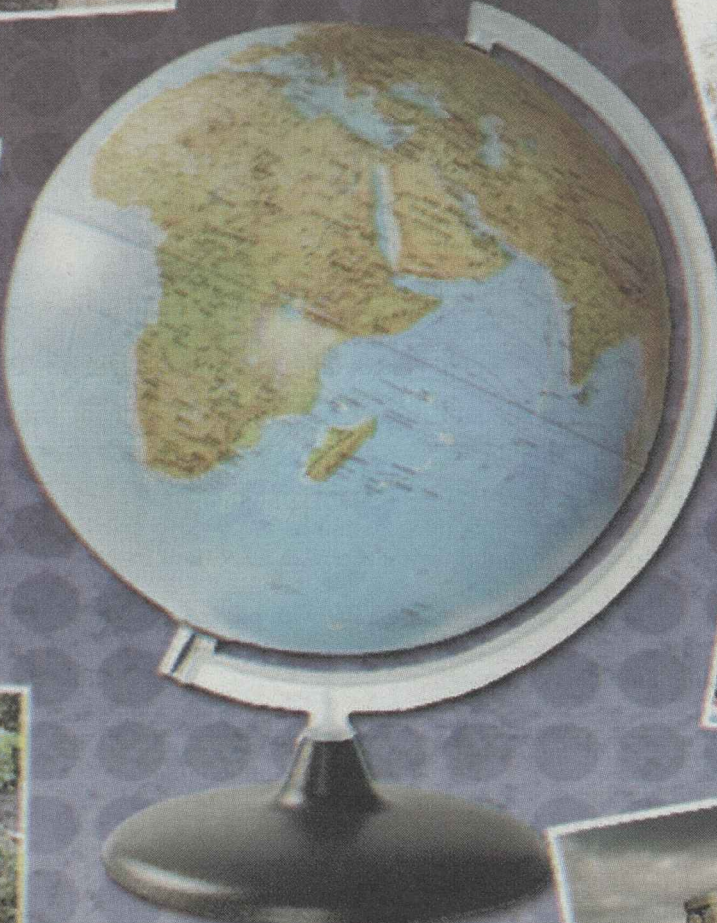
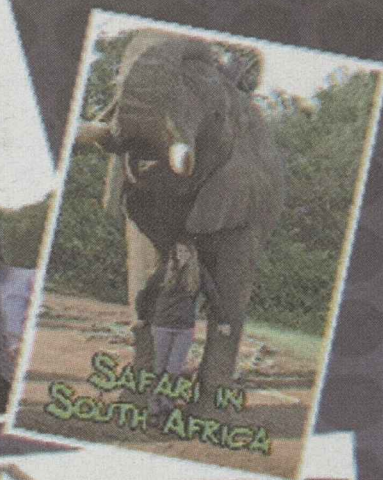
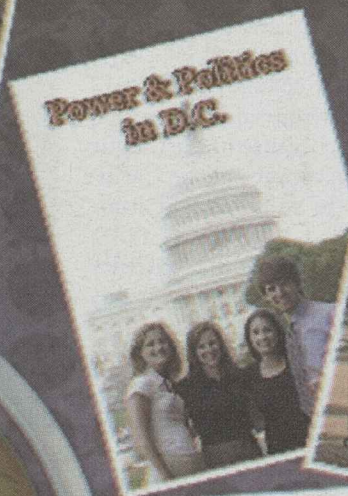
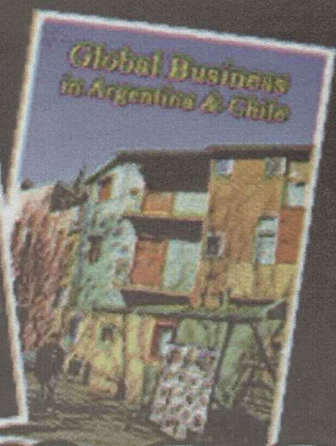
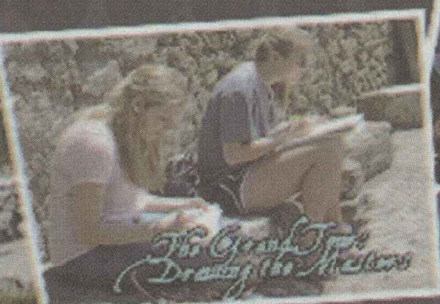
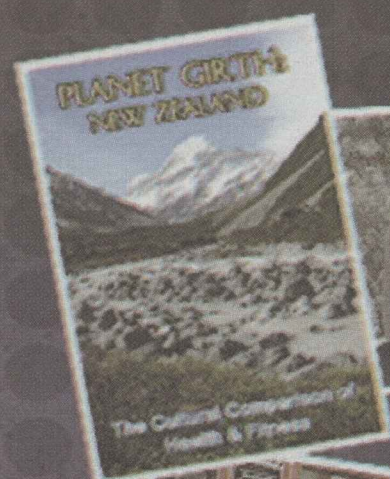
Students, who more than any other group, see and feel the progress of the university could not have been more excited. While students and faculty may not have been surprised, the honor is a prestigious one and was certainly a great moment of recognition for all that High Point continues to do on its path to even more success.

"I'm proud to be a part of a school and community that's striving to be the best and clearly doing it," says Thomas Walls, a sophomore from West Virginia. "To me the ranking is totally deserved; if you look around campus, you can see all the steps being taken to better the school."

Students, faculty, alumni and parents alike were overwhelmingly proud of the university. Though it is evident to everyone involved with the school on any level that High Point truly is extraordinary, external validation only helps progress and inspire the continued path to greatness.

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Five Halloween movies that will not send you home screaming

By Hannah Corwin
Staff Writer

It's the beginning of October, and for the past two weeks, preparations for Halloween have been everywhere. Decorations are up in stores, pumpkin and cider flavored everything are available, and the ABC Family television network has been running previews for their annual 13 Nights of Halloween movie marathon.

Halloween and scary movies go hand in hand. They pair together like apple pie and ice cream. However, not everyone is a fan of scary movies. Luckily, there are many non-scary Halloween movies for those who still wish to celebrate.

1. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone - Harry Potter is a scrawny, bespectacled boy who believes himself ordinary in every way. That all changes on his eleventh birthday, when a giant of a man named Hagrid reveals to Harry that he is a wizard. He then goes on to tell Harry that he has been accepted to a wizarding school to work on his magical skills. Now is the time for Harry Potter to face his destiny.

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" - does anything more need to be said? It's a classic for anytime of the year, and there is never an excuse needed to watch it. Even if you haven't seen it (and I can't imagine why you haven't), now is the perfect time to join all the Potterheads out there. I highly recommend this movie. This movie has everything: humor, action, intensity and can even be heartwarming.

2. Hocus Pocus - After 300 years, three witch sisters are accidentally resurrected on Halloween night in Salem, Mass. Now it is up to a teenage boy, the girl he's crushing on, his little sister and an enchanted cat to stop the sisters before they suck the youth out of all the children in Salem.

"Hocus Pocus" is a children's movie starring Bette Midler and Sarah Jessica Parker. It has a wonderful blend of humor and intensity that will keep you watching. The special effects are nothing special, but that is one of the reasons "Hocus Pocus" won't give you any nightmares. This is a good movie to watch for anyone of all ages.

3. The Nightmare Before Christmas - Jack Skellington, the Pumpkin King of Halloween, has become bored by his holiday. That all changes when he discovers Christmas-

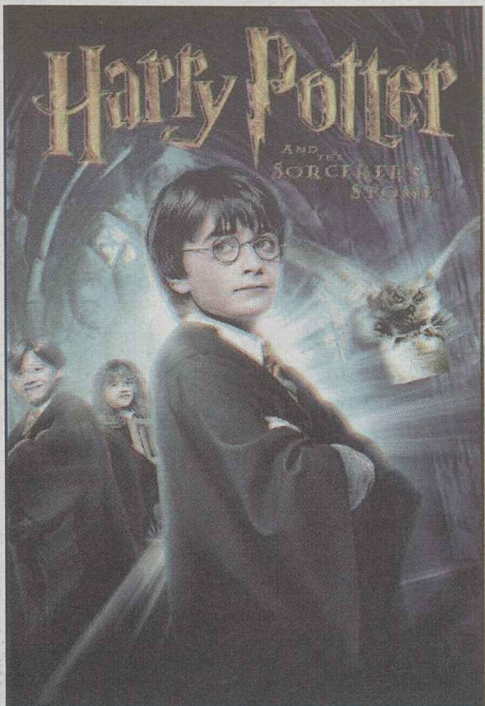


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town and is determined to possess it for himself. Now Jack is determined to capture Santa Claus and take his place.

"The Nightmare Before Christmas" is a Tim Burton classic. It is a musical, and once you learn the songs, you won't be able to stop singing them. Especially the song, "This Is Halloween." It isn't scary. A few parts can be a little weird, but nothing too bad. It is a movie that will make you smile from start to finish.

4. Halloweentown - Thirteen year old Marnie Piper has always loved Halloween, but she has never understood why her mom hates it. That is until she discovers that her grandmother, mother and herself are witches. Marnie sneaks onto a magical bus with her brother and sister that takes her to the world of Halloweentown. But dark magic has crept into the world, and it's up to Marnie and her family to stop the darkness and save Halloweentown.

"Halloweentown" is the first movie in a series of four, created back when the Disney Channel still produced entertaining TV movies. Disney has done a wonderful job of making a light, happy movie that keeps your attention. It is a movie you will want to watch every Halloween.

5. Practical Magic - Sally and Gillian Owens have always been different. After their parent's untimely death, they were raised by their aunts, who gave the sisters chocolate cake for breakfast and taught them to use the family gift of magic. But the Owens family gift comes with a price. Any man who dares to love an Owens woman will die. Now all grown up, Sally and Gillian must fight fate and the supernatural forces that threaten the life of every Owens woman.

Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman team up in this supernatural adventure. This is defiantly not a children's movie, parts of it can be intense and graphic. However, it is a funny, well-written and very entertaining. Although it is about the Owens women fighting back against a centuries old curse, at the heart it is about the two sisters, Sally and Gillian. It is a heartwarming chick-flick you will be willing to watch any time of the year.

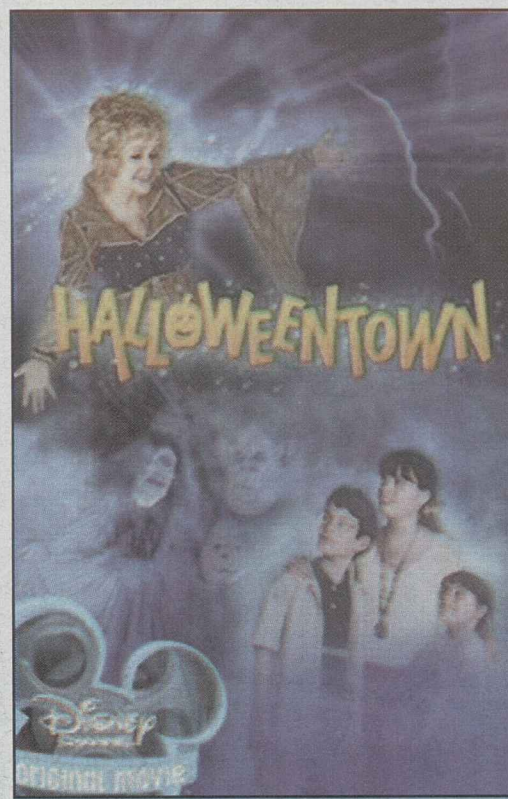


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High Point restaurant review: Thai Herb

By Stephanie Schwartz
Advertising Manager

Thai Herb, located in the same plaza as Hobby Lobby and La Hacienda on Eastchester Drive, is a hidden gem. It is a must-try for anyone who likes Thai or Asian-fusion food. My roommate and I went for an early dinner and were greeted with smiles and immediate service. The two of us ordered a crispy string bean appetizer and two main courses to share; yellow curry chicken and shrimp with broccoli stir-fry. After our order was taken, we were brought complementary soup that is given to every patron. The soup was very flavorful with vegetables and acted as a great palate cleanser.

Next came the crispy string beans. The beans were flash fried in a light and crunchy batter and served in a moderately spicy sauce. One great thing about Thai Herb is their ability to cater the levels of their spiciness to the diner's desire. I love spicy food, so the sauce did the trick! Our entrees followed shortly after. The shrimp was cooked perfectly and the broccoli steamed to perfection. Incorporated into the chicken with yellow curry were large, fresh chunks of potato and carrot. All of the dishes were brought out hot and fresh. Each meal came with a side of steamed white rice and a sauce collection, including soy sauce and sriracha (picture the hot sauce of Thailand) are brought to the table.

The staff at Thai Herb could not be friendlier. Not only are they very accommodating to each patron's wishes, but they are quick to constantly fill up your water glass or bring anything you need to your table. You can't beat the location, and the restaurant is a HPU Passport Partner as well, so it gives you an easy excuse to eat off campus. I would definitely recommend this restaurant, and I plan on going back soon.



Thai Herb is the perfect off campus dining location for all Asian food lovers. Photo by www.Menuism.com

Timeless Halloween costume trends

By Jodi Guglielmi
A&E Editor

Deciding what to be for Halloween is a very serious decision. One does not simply pick out their costume the night before the costume party. It takes weeks of preparation and deliberation to come up with that one perfect Halloween costume. While Halloween itself is full of traditions, picking out the costume is the true yearly ritual. To make the decision process a little less painful, I have gathered three costume trends that seem to never go out of style.

Pop Culture: You can never go wrong in imitating your favorite pop culture icon.

From television to recording artists, there are so many options you can choose from that you really can't go wrong. If you loved Miley Cyrus' VMA performance, put your hair in small buns and rock that latex two-piece outfit. If that's not your style but you are openly obsessed with Duck Dynasty, there is a costume for you too! Buy a fake beard- or grow one if you have that ability- put on some cameo and quack your way to Halloween.



Photo by www.bostoncostumes.com

Cowboys and Indians: This trend is perfect because you probably already own half of the costume in your closet! Dressing as a cowboy or Indian is easily identifiable so you don't have to spend the entire night explaining to people what you are supposed to be. If you are going to a couple's party, this costume is perfect for that occasion. Just decide who wants to be what and you're good to go!

Superheroes: This costume idea has been around forever. From toddlers to adults, everyone can pull off a superhero costume. While it is timeless, movies such as "The Avengers," "The Dark Knight Rises," and "The Amazing Spiderman," have made the costume reign true again. If superheroes aren't up your avenue, you can still achieve this same category and dress as a villain. Either way, it's up to you if you want to save the world or destroy the world this Halloween season.

Organizations

International Club brings international students' heritage to HPU

By Chelsie Gastright
Editor in Chief

Finding a community in a new place can be difficult for any freshman or new student arriving on campus. But, when you add the fact that you are an international student, that barrier becomes even more difficult to break through.

Thankfully, there is an organization on campus that is striving to not only help international students find a special home on campus, but helping to bring their heritage and customs here as well.

High Point University's International Club is hosting International Education Week on Oct. 21-25. Last year, the weeklong celebration of international culture featured events such as a soccer tournament, a documentary on the Dirty War in South America, and an international talent show. The club also raised \$1,000 for a cancer research facility in Colombia throughout the week.

"International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide," said Marjorie Church, director of international student services and English as a second language. "This joint initiative ... is part of the effort to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the U.S."

This year, Summer Glick, International Club president, and other members already have an exciting International Week planned. The events will range from trivia and a costume contest at The Point, to a possible soccer tournament and an Olympic style competition.



Last year's International Week featured a performance by dancers from Panama and other international acts. Photo by Allie Dearie

Make sure to keep an eye out for the finalized schedule of events during the month of October.

As a whole, the International Club has been on campus for many years, but several years ago it dissipated and lost its large following. As of two years ago, Summer Glick and Luiza Fogaça decided that the club needed to be brought back, and now the re-emergence of the International Club has gained quite the following once again.

"The International Club provides a forum for Americans and international students to meet each other and create a community that understands and accepts diver-

sity," said Glick.

Glick went on to explain that it's more than just a place for students to meet and learn about other cultures, but has evolved into a large, close-knit family.

Along with their new advisor, Marjorie Church, Glick and her fellow International Club members have also worked hard to plan a variety of other events for the upcoming semester. These events are aimed to keep students immersed in the variety of cultures that HPU hosts and also promote a strong family atmosphere.

One event that promoted this philosophy happened in September. The whole club was invited to a dinner at a Vietnamese restaurant and, according to Glick, it was a huge success.

A second event that Glick has planned is a Thanksgiving dinner. This event is open to any student, American or international, who cannot make it home for the holidays.

This commitment to family and diversity shows that there really is something special going on between the members. In fact, several American students flew to visit their international friends in places such as Morocco and Brazil over the summer.

In the end, it doesn't matter if you are American or international, or just curious about a variety of cultures. International Club makes sure to make any and all feel like they are part of a close-knit family.

For more information on how to join the International Club, email Summer Glick, glicks10@highpoint.edu. You can also search for HPU International Club on Facebook and request to join their group to stay up to date on all the latest news.

Student organizations invite you to get involved on HPU's campus

By Mayeesa Mitchell
Staff Writer

Interested in getting involved in a club that promotes teamwork and competitiveness? Or one that endorses inclusion and acceptance? How about joining an organization that combines science and the supernatural all into one? Or that promotes positive mental health? If you've answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you may be interested in joining some of High Point University's up-and-coming student organizations. These student-run groups promote different interests and activities, but they all have the goal of building a community in common.

If you are looking for an athletic, interactive club, HPU's Paintball Club may be for you. The club is split into three divisions: the speedball division, the scenario division, and the final division. The speedball division, which is more of a team sport, has 3-on-3, 5-on-5, and 7-on-7 player tournaments. The scenario division is more of a military simulation with missions and hundreds of players on the field at one time. The final division is free-play which allows members of the club to play without competing in tournaments.

"The great thing about the club [is that it is] a bunch of people who share the same passion," says Hunter Carter, president of the Paintball Club.

For Carter, the competitiveness of the adrenaline filled sport drew him to the club immediately after being asked to join during his sophomore year. Now in his senior year, Carter has helped to increase the membership of the Paintball Club.

"We had 150 names on the sign-up list [at the activities fair] this semester," says Carter. "We added 7 students to our speedball division and 8 to our scenario division."

As an SGA chartered organization, the team receives a budget, which helps to make paintball, a fairly expensive sport, reasonably priced for college students.

"[If you] pay dues, you get to play," says Carter.

Members of the club are required to pay dues that cover practice fees and tournament entry fees. Practice is held on Sundays and Wednesdays for all divisions. Practices are truly paying off as the club has won first place three times in the 3-on-3 tournaments they have played.

To find out more information about the Paintball Club, contact Hunter Carter at carteh10@highpoint.edu.

If the Paintball Club is a bit too fast-paced for you, maybe discussing equality with HPU's chapter of P.R.I.D.E. is more your speed. P.R.I.D.E., which stands for People Representing Individuality, Diversity and Integrity, was started on HPU's campus six years ago.

According to Steven Edwards, president of P.R.I.D.E., you should join the club "if [you are] interested in a place to talk about marriage equality, gender and sexuality." The club meets every other Tuesday in Wilson School of Commerce building in room 316 at 7:30 p.m. to hear guest speakers, discuss matters of equality, and plan future events.

P.R.I.D.E. hosts events such as NO H8 day and speakers who talk on the historical and religious backgrounds of gender and sexual equality. It is with these events that P.R.I.D.E. fulfills its goals of informing about and supporting equality as well as creating an

atmosphere of inclusion and acceptance for all members.

"My favorite things are the community and friendships I've been able to build through P.R.I.D.E. and knowing that there is a place for me no matter what," says Edwards.

To find out more information about P.R.I.D.E.'s events, follow HPU P.R.I.D.E. on Facebook.

In addition to P.R.I.D.E.'s equality and inclusion community, there is the Paranormal Club which unites its members through paranormal experiences.

HPU's Paranormal Club was the idea of Ashlynn Randolph, a sophomore, who presented the idea on the Class of 2017 Facebook page and received positive feedback. The club's goal is to debunk the myths about ghosts and to investigate paranormal experiences in the area. The club combines knowledge from science and history to determine if anything else can explain the experience before determining it to be supernatural.

"Without history, you wouldn't know if there was a ghost or why," says Randolph.

The Paranormal Club has gone on a ghost tour in Winston-Salem and screened the movie "The Exorcist" at past events. This year, they will be creating the decorations for the Women and Gender Research Symposium, which will be held on Oct. 30.

In addition to the events they do, Randolph says the best thing about Paranormal Club is "being able to have some place to make such good friends."

You can receive more information by liking the High Point University Paranormal Club Facebook page or attending a meeting on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in room 109 of the School of Education building.

While Paranormal Club unites members through paranormal experiences, To Write Love on Her Arms unites its members through positive mental health.

HPU's chapter of To Write Love on Her Arms began three years ago and was one of the inaugural U-chapters that the nationwide organization implemented. To Write Love on Her Arms is a global community that promotes the discussion of and prevention of mental health issues such as depression, suicide, addiction and eating disorders.

Allie Dearie, the chapter president, says, "[It is] important to know that you have a support system because college is a very difficult time in life."

Recently, the organization has given out orange ribbons to support and educate students about National Suicide Prevention Week.

In addition to educating, To Write Love on Her Arms is also a community that helps students to keep positive mental health during the difficult years of college.

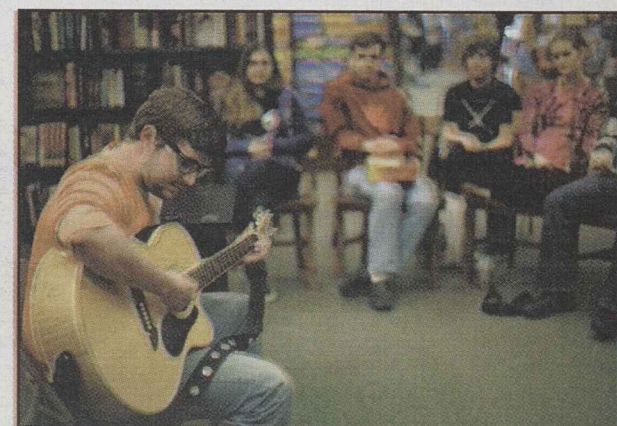
"You are not alone; there are people to talk to. You do not have to be afraid," says Dearie.

To become a member of the To Write Love on Her Arms community, attend the meetings on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Norton room 202 or follow their events on the To Write Love On Her Arms High Point University Facebook page.

These are just some of more than 50 organizations across campus that you can get involved in. Whether the Paintball Club, P.R.I.D.E., Paranormal Club, To Write Love on Her Arms or another organization is best for you, there is a something for everyone here at HPU.



Tree Branch and Doug Payne pose for P.R.I.D.E.'s NO H8 event on Sept. 20. Photo by Allie Dearie



Ryan Dillon performing at a book fair event hosted by TWLOHA. Photo by Allie Dearie

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If you are still interested in contributing to the Campus Chronicle, or have a possible story idea you would like to pitch, please email news@highpoint.edu for more information.

Remember, you don't have to be a journalism major or minor to contribute, so if you have ever wanted a newspaper byline, you can attend our meetings every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the NQSC Room 233.

Sports

HPU rowing team growing at a rapid pace

By Liz Reichart
Staff Writer

The sun rises over Oak Hollow Lake as four novices struggle to row crew shells in pairs. Each rower has half of an empty plastic bottle over the oar handle. Coach Cory Conzemius and assistant coach McKayla Andrade attempt to teach the newcomers a technique called "feathering" in which the blade of the oar head fluxes between parallel and perpendicular.

It is this kind of innovation in coaching that prepares the High Point University rowing team for national competition.

This is the kind of fundamental training Conzemius loves.

"I'll always really enjoy teaching new

can see how far they've come in the technical work of the sport."

"It's a balance between physical and mental strength," says freshman newcomer Jordan Green about the challenges of learning to row. "You really have to be constantly thinking about technique while focusing on the strength you're using, and that's definitely something you have to practice working on."

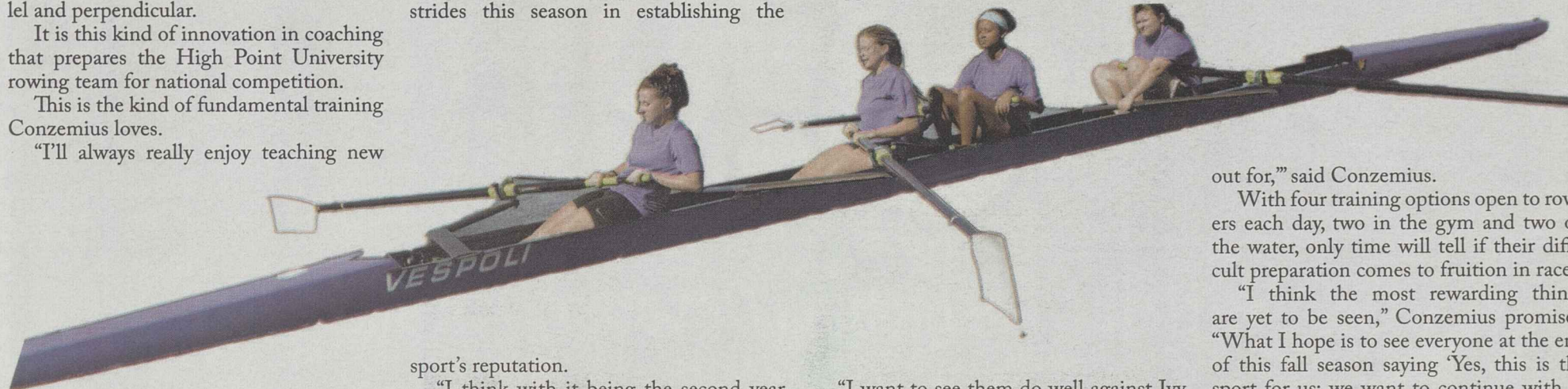
In its second year as a club sport on campus, HPU crew is poised to take big strides this season in establishing the

Co-captains Kelly Hardesty, Caleb Spegman, Stephanie Berardi and Tyler Farley play vital roles in leading the team to completion of their elevated goals.

The varsity team was invited to the Head of the Charles, a prestigious rowing event hosted in Cambridge, Mass., from Oct. 19-20. It is the largest two-day regatta in the world, with nearly 9,000 athletes rowing in more than 1,900 boats in 61 events. Conzemius sees the elite teams competing as opportunity for High Point to shine.

Last year it hosted more than 10,000 rowers and nearly 2,000 boats entered in last year's races. HPU's crew team attended this regatta last year, and it remains one of their favorites going into this November.

"We did very well in regattas and other teams took note; they were asking, 'Where's this team from High Point, North Carolina coming from?' The competing teams have started to recognize the High Point name and I want them to continue to say 'Wow, High Point. This is a team to watch



rowers," said Conzemius. "It's just fun watching their technique grow, starting from that first day on the water where they don't know how to even sit in the boat, knowing they could easily flip over. And then when they go up to their first race, you

sport's reputation.

"I think with it being the second year still we have the opportunity to build off of the culture set by last year's team," Conzemius says. "What we do this year is probably more vital than last year, more vital than any year in the future. It's going to determine what this team is in five to 10 years and beyond that."

"I want to see them do well against Ivy League teams, the Harvards, the Yales, competing with the best in the world, hopefully staying right with them," says Conzemius.

The Head of the Hooch, an event hosted in Chattanooga, Tenn., ranks as the second largest rowing regatta in the U.S.

out for," said Conzemius.

With four training options open to rowers each day, two in the gym and two on the water, only time will tell if their difficult preparation comes to fruition in races.

"I think the most rewarding things are yet to be seen," Conzemius promises. "What I hope is to see everyone at the end of this fall season saying 'Yes, this is the sport for us; we want to continue with it. We want to be part of this for the rest of our time at High Point.' And that's when you know you have a passion for the sport. That's the passion that has been with me the nine plus years that I've been rowing. I want to see that passion transfer on to the new rowers."

Soccer update: Nyepon on fire as Big South play approaches

By Jason Lucarelli
Staff Writer

The High Point Men's Soccer team has been learning on the fly as the season goes on.

After a tough 5-2 result to Virginia Tech and a 2-2 draw in their 2013 conference debut against Longwood, Coach Dustin Fonder is optimistic about the direction the team is going, but still is not satisfied.

In the loss to Virginia Tech, giving up easy chances caused problems.

"It was a game where we gave up some soft goals," said Fonder. "The score line wasn't indicative of how close the game was, but to be fair to Virginia Tech they took their chances very well."

The two highlights from the Panthers came in the eighth minute when junior Mamadee Nyepon scored in his fifth straight game to give them an early lead and in the seventy-ninth minute when freshman Renato Punyed notched his first collegiate goal on a right-footed free kick off the left post.

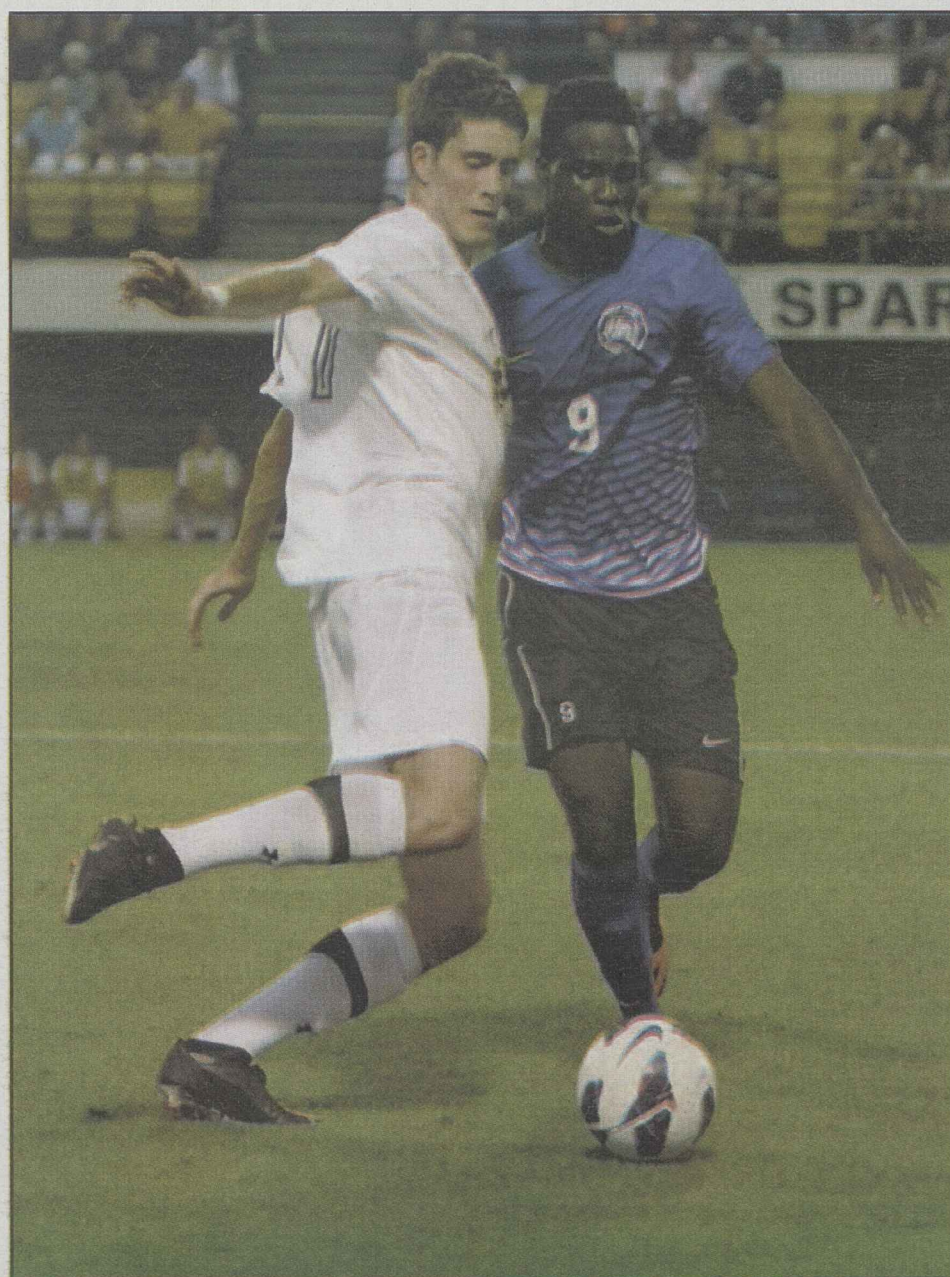
"[Punyed] has been practicing his free kicks every day and was able to hit the shot that he hits in practice. That will be good for his confidence moving forward," said Fonder.

Starting goalkeeper Kody Palmer was injured in the contest, but was expected to return in a week to 10 days of the injury.

Despite freshman goalie Ryan Massey's stellar play against conference foe Longwood, they proved to be an even-matched opponent with each team receiving one point for the draw in the rescheduled match.

"We weren't as fresh as we would've liked to have been," said Fonder, referring to the travel due to the rescheduling of the postponed game. "We really would've liked to get those three points"

Both goals came from Nyepon, in the twenty-second minute from freshman Matt Gweh and a late goal to tie when redshirt-freshman Pat Shelton threaded the ball to Nyepon who finished in the bottom right corner.



Mamadee Nyepon goes for the ball during the UNC-Greensboro matchup. Photo by High Point University Sports Information.

This increased Nyepon's goal streak to six straight games.

"He's on a tear right now. If he keeps pace he can be one of the top strikers in the country this year," said Fonder.

What separates him from most star players though is his personality off the pitch.

"He always has a smile on his face and he's very charismatic. He's always been humble and a team-first type of player. The guys are drawn to him. He's our leading goal-scorer but he's just one of the guys," said Fonder.

Nyepon was recognized for his efforts the week before playing against UNC Greensboro and Navy by being named the Big South Player of the week and being selected for College Soccer News' National Team of the Week.

Moving forward, the offense will be the key area for improvement.

"We're a team that typically posts a 20-shot count, and we've had games where we think we've had a lot of shots but look on the board and see only 15 for the game," said Fonder. "We need to create 2-3 more shots per half. If you're getting off 25 shots a game you're going to win more."

Coach Fonder is hoping that Nyepon develops even more chemistry with fellow striker Pat Shelton, and that he gets more production from role players off the bench. This is what he feels is necessary to strengthen the Panthers' attack.

"We're hoping he can develop a good partnership with Pat Shelton and Pat can start getting some goals, as well as assists from Mamadee, and we need Matt Ramsell and Matt Gweh to get some goals in sub roles," said Fonder.

Shelton was injured during preseason which his slowed progress but will be key moving forward.

"He continues to get better each week, I look for him to come on strong in the middle to the end of the season," said Fonder.

As for where they shake out in this year's Big South, "It's too early to tell, no team has proved that they have established home field dominance," said Fonder. "But away games are what wins you the league."



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R.G Wanek Center: Re-naming the University Center

By Liz Reichart
Staff Writer

The letters that have graced the front of the University Center for four years have now been removed. In their place is a tribute to a man of astonishing success in business and philanthropy, in support of education and innovation, Ron G. Wanek. On Oct. 16, Ron and Joyce Wanek were honored in the David Hayworth Fine Arts Center for their years of service to the High Point business community, in addition to the recent \$10 million donation to High Point University.

From humble beginnings, Wanek grew up on a dairy farm in Minnesota. He began manufacturing furniture with only 35 employees. Along with additional investors he founded Arcadia Furniture in 1970, which bought Ashley Furniture six years later. He subsequently bought out other stakeholders to become the majority owner. In the 1980's, Wanek developed global sourcing, becoming one of the first manufacturers to both source and sell around the world. He also introduced the industry's most suc-

cessful polyester finishes, bringing color to wood furniture. His company, Ashley Furniture Industries, Inc., is now the largest furniture manufacturer in the world and

plishments, Wanek was inducted into the Furniture Hall of Fame in 2006.

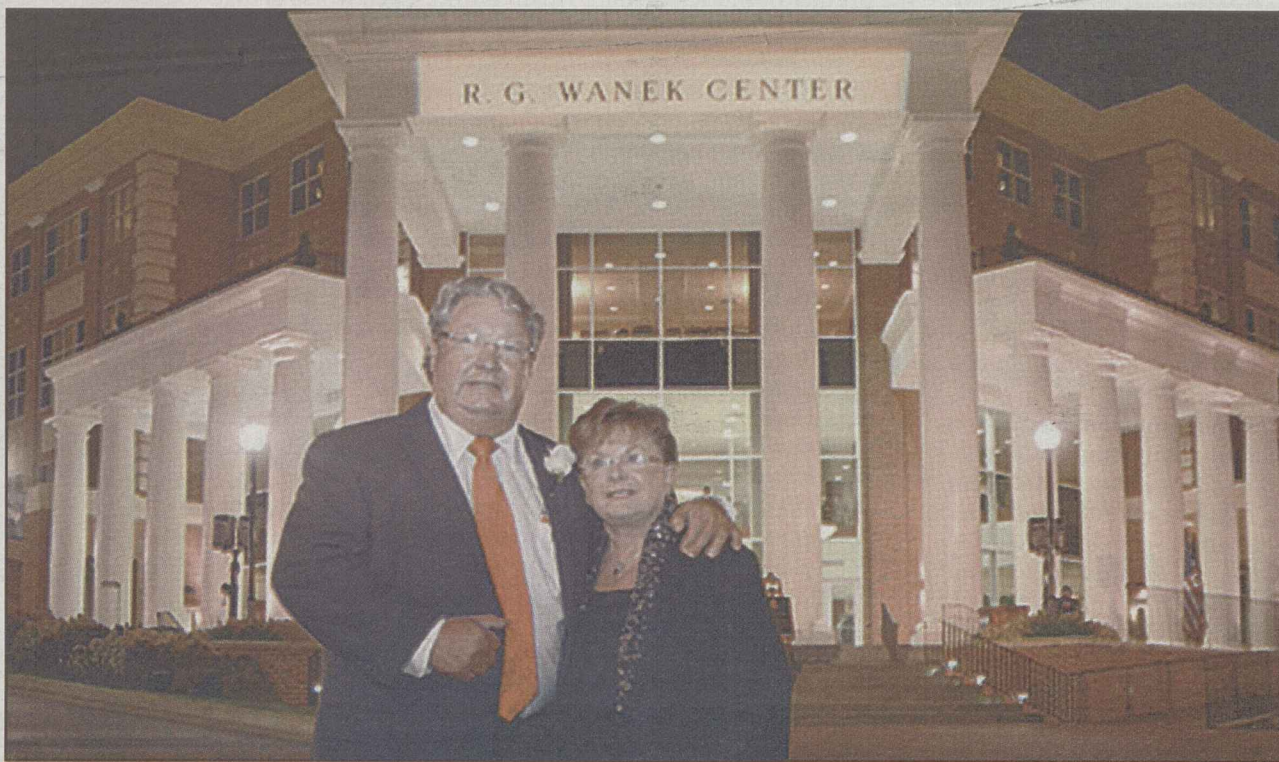
In their unparalleled successes, Wanek and his wife of 45 years, Judy Wanek, have

sity Center. "I asked him for a gift of \$10 million to help defray the cost of construction of the UC. He said yes, and wrote us a check accordingly. We are very grateful for his generosity," said HPU president Nido Qubein.

"He was here [at High Point] one day on totally different matters and before he left I just told him, 'I need your help at High Point University,'" Qubein said of his discussion with Wanek six months ago. "I invited him to prayerfully consider a major gift of \$10 million, and soon after that we had meetings, I spoke to his company and he brought his executive team to High Point for me to speak to them. And he decided he'd like to invest in High Point University."

"I am grateful to Dr. Qubein and the Board of Trustees at High Point University for their kindness and graciousness in honoring me this way," said Wanek at the ceremony in his honor and the unveiling of the R.G. Wanek Center.

The change of the name on this familiar building is cosmetic, but it's a reminder that the learning and social interaction that happens within it is being supported in an amazing new way.



Ron and Joyce Wanek stand in front of new R.G. Wanek Center. Photo by highpoint.edu

the largest furniture retailer in the US, with headquarters in Wisconsin. For his accom-

contributed to an integral building, the building previously known as the Univer-

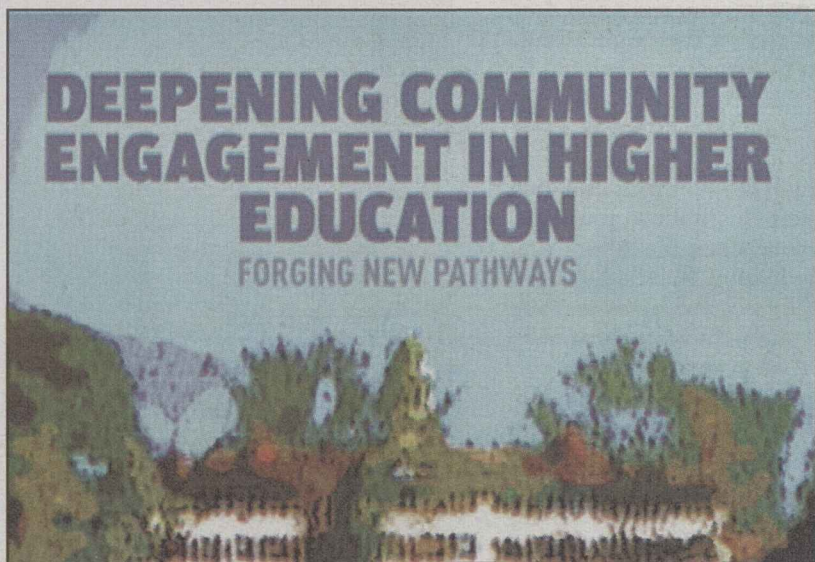
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Bonner Foundation establishes student-led program at HPU

By Savannah Simons
Organizations Editor

The Bonner Program, a national community service program, has joined the High Point University family. This fall, six students will volunteer 300 hours of community service at selected sites.

On a national scale, the Bonner Foundation gives students access to education and the opportunity to serve local communities through engaging non-profit work with people who live below or near the poverty line.



Slogan from the Bonner Foundation. Photo by bonner.org

The Bonner program is implemented at the university level and intended to be student run and led. Although HPU is not yet at that point due to being a brand new organization, an AmeriCorps VISTA at HPU, Anna Mahathey, serves as the Bonner Leader Program Coordinator. Mahathey planned the

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International Student Profile: Lakshmi Bommidala

By James Ensor
Staff Writer

For many students, college is a time for exploration and growth. For Lakshmi Bommidala, however, it is a time to explore, grow and run her own company based in India.

Six months ago Bommidala became the Managing Director for Digital Keyboard Private Limited, a company that focuses on e-learning courses, similar to textbook companions.

"I have a lot of responsibilities because of the company," Bommidala, said.

Bommidala has video conference calls almost daily with her employees so she can manage the company efficiently. Currently there are 60 employees working at Digital Keyboard.

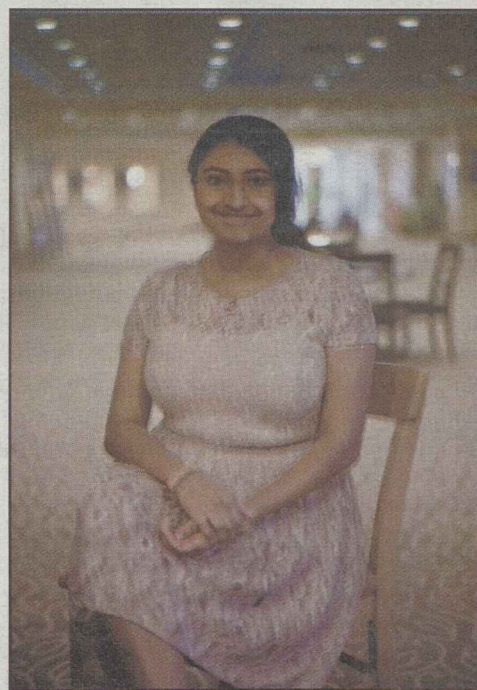
"Thanks to technology I can connect with my employees," Bommidala, said. "I also have people who give me daily reports."

Although Bommidala has taken many business courses in the past, her business sense ultimately comes from her family, especially her dad.

"I come from a business family that has had a business for six decades," Bommidala said. "My father inspires me a lot."

Before moving to the U.S. to study at High Point University, Bommidala studied business and accounting at The British International School in India, a satellite school for Cambridge University.

Her first two years were spent in the International General Certificate of Secondary Education program, IGCSE, and her



International student, Lakshmi Bommidala. Photo by Allie Dearie

last two years were spent in the AS-Level program.

"I had to live away from home for the four years I was studying," Bommidala said. "I really enjoyed being around students from all over the world."

At the end of her four years at Cambridge, Bommidala left with a 4.0 GPA. She then

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Opinion

An Open Letter to the Media of the World

By Chelsie Skroback
Editor-in-Chief

Dear Media Outlets Everywhere,
As a journalism major and a senior in college, I am at the point where I have to really start focusing on my future. I need to find a job, and believe it or not I'd love to find a place in a hectic, unorganized newsroom writing the stories of my city. As crazy as it sounds, the fast-paced world of news reporting actually relaxes me, and the deadlines are something I crave.

But as much as I love the profession I've chosen, I'm beginning to wonder if writing for a newspaper is worth it. Why? Because the newsroom is starting to move too fast for my liking.

In the last 10 years or so, the newsroom has developed into this 24-hour, seven day a week competition to discover and deliver the news the fastest. This newfangled newsroom is called "convergent journalism." Everything is moving to online, which in turn results in the news being posted all day, every day, without regard for anything or anyone.

This means that as soon as big news breaks, there's a battle royale that erupts in newsrooms around the country. They jump on the story as soon as it breaks, allowing us to receive our news soon after it happens instead of having to wait a day or more. So why is this new convergent journalism approach such a problem?

Well, it wouldn't be if it meant newsrooms were holding on to the one thing that I valued the most about journalism writing: telling the story accurately. I can't tell you how many times I've seen articles come out saying, "FBI has identified the killer from today's events," and then not even 10 minutes later another headline saying, "Just kidding - FBI declines statements, false information received."

The media is so caught up in being the first to release information to the public that they begin to publish information that may not be coming from reputable sources, and that concerns me. I understand the importance of releasing breaking news as soon as you have the facts right, but to post something without fact checking is a journalism faux pas.

When you put things in the news that aren't true, especially when it involves the reputation of an innocent person, it's even worse. One example of this is when the media had falsely identified the Boston Marathon bombing suspects four times - yes, four - before they finally discovered the true terrorists. Big names in the media, such as The New York Post, caught on to details they heard from various sources and published them without fact checking.

Another situation that wasn't as bad, but still clarifies the point occurred during the Newtown shootings. CNN was the first of many outlets to report that the shooter was Ryan Lanza, the brother of the actual killer Adam Lanza. Even worse is that some sites went to Facebook to link to a profile of the "supposed" Ryan Lanza. Turns out he was in no way related to the Lanza's that were making headlines, and because of their lack of fact checking, Ryan was harassed via Facebook.

So here is my proposition to the media: slow down. Take a moment to breath, to obtain the facts. It doesn't matter if you were first to report the breaking news if all your facts are wrong. It takes research and fact checking to create a groundbreaking story, and if you sacrifice your fact checking for hearsay, then what do we have left as journalists?

We should pride ourselves in our ability to weave together eye catching stories that give the facts, and the truth, to our readers. Now, in today's newsroom, we are at the equivalent of running a full out sprint for an entire race. By the time we look back to see what's going on, it's already been published and the damage is done.

Do I think that the media will slow down? Definitely not. The media will continue to find better ways to obtain the news faster than ever before, leaving reporters in situations where they accidentally accuse innocent people. It's a sad, but honest truth.

I just hope that journalists remember that they are writing the truth; that they are writing non-fiction. When you sacrifice the facts and the truth, we are left with fiction. If readers wanted fiction they'd pick up a book, not a newspaper.

Sincerely,

A concerned, aspiring journalist

Across the Pond

By Whitney Yount
Staff Writer

This week marked the halfway point for my semester in the United Kingdom. It's hard to believe that my time here is more than 50 percent done - I feel like I just moved in the other day, and I know that I'm nowhere near ready to go home yet.

Although it does seem like I just arrived, I'm also realizing that somewhere along the way, I started to adjust to life here in England. On the day we moved in, we were exhausted, hungry, and unshowered, but very excited to be living in Winchester for the next three months. After we climbed up the 5 flights of stairs to our flat with all of our luggage, we all gathered in the kitchen to talk with the Director of Internationalism.

He told us that at the beginning of our trip, we would notice so many things that were new to us and just slightly different from home. He said that we would love making these small discoveries, hearing the British accents, and meeting new people, but he also told us that after a little while, we'd start to feel the culture shock a bit more and get frustrated that things are done differently than they are at home.

I think that all 10 High Point students who are here felt a small amount of culture shock, but what I didn't expect was for my adjustment to British culture to happen as quickly as it did. Instead of feeling like everything here is slightly off, I actually feel like it's normal.

When I talk to someone with an English accent, I barely notice that they don't sound like I do. I'm used to walking everywhere, and when someone tells me something is "right down the road," I expect at least a fifteen-minute walk. I call french fries "chips" without even thinking about it, and I drink tea like it's my job. I look to the right when I'm about to cross the street, and when I leave for class, I tell my flatmates that I'm headed to my lesson.

When I come home in a month and a half, it's going to take some time to re-adjust to life in the United States. I'm sure that I'll be so excited for some things (mostly food - I miss Lucky Charms, filtered coffee, and macaroni and cheese more than I can say), but I'm definitely going to miss all the friends I've made and experiences that I've had. The first half of my study abroad experience has been absolutely incredible, and I can't wait to see what adventures the second half brings.

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War On Greek: Opinions Differ From The Inside and Outside

Con

By Nolan Stout
Staff Writer

So I was sitting in my room the other day when my friend comes in and begins to give me another earful about how awesome her sorority is and how much she loves her "sisters" and so on and so forth. While usually I am understanding and listen politely, this time, I snapped, I'd been listening to it for so long I couldn't handle it anymore.

I'm not saying that Greek life is terrible. I have no problem with Greek life. If that makes you happy then I am happy for you. All I'm saying is that me, and the thousands of others who don't care about it and aren't involved, don't need to constantly hear about your fraternity or sorority.

I don't care if you wear your letters. I don't care if you travel in packs of "bros" or "sisters." I don't care even care if you sacrifice a baby lamb to Satan. Whatever you do in your Greek organization is your business not mine. So don't tell me about it.

I don't need to hear about "OMG my little this," and "OMG my little that," or "I have the best big ever." Just stop. I don't need to hear about it. I'm not involved. I don't care.

When I'm just sitting around with my friends I don't need to hear about your "brothers" or your "sisters." They aren't actually related to you. I hope you know that. Go home and tell your parents "OMG mom guess what? You've like totally got 100 new children to support!" See how that goes over. If you must talk about them around non-Greeks just call them "the guys in my fraternity" or the "girls in my sorority," is that too much to ask?

The worst part is when people in Greek life go from loving it so much to complaining about how much work it is. You were just telling me how excited you are and now you're going to complain? That's just rude.

Other complaints range from "darn I can't go out this weekend, it's Greek week," to "ugh, I've got this stupid formal to go to." Just stop. No. If you have so many complaints, there's this great verb that I recommend for you. QUIT. It means, "to leave, usually permanently."

If you're going to be happy in your organization, then good. More power to you. I'm happy for you and support your happiness. I just don't need to hear about why you're so happy and that I should join and all that jazz. If you're going to whine, do all your friends a favor and quit. Make up some excuse about how it is too much of a time commitment and you want to focus on your schoolwork and then just leave.

I have done some research into my ancestry and as far back as I've gone, which is the 1500s, I have found no Greek heritage in my past. I'd like to keep it that way.

Pro

By Anne Davey
Opinion Editor

High Point University has a variety of clubs and organizations on campus, naturally some are more popular than others, attracting large groups of students each year. Greek life is one such area of organization.

With 15 Greek organizations on campus, it is no wonder that the Greek life gets a lot of play. Greek organizations are constantly fundraising for charities, hosting community events, having philanthropy events, showing films and sponsoring restaurant nights. A huge portion of HPU's social scene is comprised of Greek related activities.

With almost half of the student body actively engaged in Greek life, it's a difficult thing to ignore, and honestly, why would you want to? You're essentially shutting yourself off to an entire sector of campus. Whether or not you choose to be a part of Greek life is your own prerogative. Just as with anything, there are pros and cons to being a member of a any organization. But just as Greek's respect your right and decision to not partake, it's only fair to respect their right to be involved and open about that part of their life as well.

As far as the lingo goes, terms like brother and sister are not unique to the Greek community, and that's not an accident. The bonds forged by Greek life are truly akin to family, and that's the point. Referring to members of your sorority/fraternity as brothers and sisters isn't an affront to your biological siblings, but rather an acknowledgement of your deep bonds and loyalty. It sounds sappy, I know, but it's the truth.

If you are really strongly anti-Greek, so much so that you don't even want to hear about it, you might accept that at a place like HPU, it's unavoidable. And when most of the community is tied to one organization or another, you're bound to hear about it; from friends, in passing, even from the Campus Concierge.

And yes, just like any family, there will be fights, tension and frustration. But that happens in absolutely every relationship; it's a natural part of life and certainly not unique to Greeks. The amazing thing though, is that being Greek means you have an army of people at your back to listen, empathize and mostly just help snap you back to reality.

There is so much good that comes from Greek life, from philanthropy to fellowship, that it is nearly constantly talked about, shared and promoted across campus. Whether or not you're Greek, this is something to be proud of and excited about - representing HPU in a positive light, forging last friendships and participating in charity work.

Opinion

Why Are Still We Unwittingly Eating GMOs?

By Carolyn Gladd
Staff Writer

We have always been told, "you are what you eat." So what have Americans been consuming over the past decade?

A bunch of pollution, that's what. About 75 to 80 percent of America's conventional foods contain GMOs, which are genetically modified organisms. GMOs are unnaturally designed by scientists to produce mostly corn, cotton and wheat plants. We are blind to this fact not because we are stupid, but because we are not told.

Monsanto is the company that invented GMOs. Today, 90 percent of seeds come from Monsanto rather than our everyday farmers, who guarantee natural, healthy, non-polluted foods.

Why would this information be hidden? The FDA, which is run by ex-Monsanto executives, does not require companies to label GMOs on their products. They are afraid that Americans will avoid GMO products for the same reason we avoid salt and sugar. It is quite demeaning that they think Americans will not know the difference between salt, sugar and a genetically modified organism.

The executive vice president and chief technology officer for Monsanto says "Food labels should be reserved for health and nutrition information, and GMOs fall under neither category."

It is true that GMOs do not cause harm to human health. Scientists do not have evidence of the long-term effects of GMOs, simply because there has not been enough time. Remember when scientists did not know that cigarettes cause lung cancer? Sometimes they do not know everything, and this may be one of those situations. So should we just wait out the

next couple decades to see what turns up?

I do not think Americans should hang around, pondering for these answers, considering what we do know about genetically modified organisms. They may not be destroying our digestive systems, but they are turning into fabrications that scientists, let alone Mother Nature, never intended.

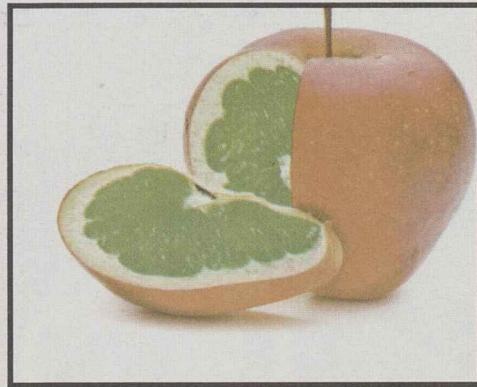


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This is because plants breed differently than animals do. Their DNA can jump from place to place, concocting new species of flora, which are yet to be determined. Doctor Campbell, High Point University's assistant professor of biology comments, "It's really spooky. We don't know what these plants are."

These 'spooky' events are the result of the unnatural processes companies use to create an abundance of food with the most nutrition as quickly as possible. To do this, scientists choose specific traits from various DNA particles and infuse them together. Then, a 22-caliber charge fires a metal particle coated with the DNA into plant tissue.

Scientists created durable plants; ones

that grow in a greater yield while resisting the powerful chemicals found in toxic pesticides, bugs and harsh weather conditions while surrounding vegetation flimsily, naturally surrenders.

Unfortunately, weeds evolved to resist the doses of pesticides given by Monsanto employees.

This was not the only surprise to GMO creators. The next shock was how many new plant species burst to life through the dirt. Welcome the burly sprouting horseweed, pigweed and giant ragweed.

To prevent future nuisances, is the logical answer to drench the lands with more and more killer spray, allowing it to seep into the soil and waft throughout the air we breathe? We should keep poisoning the Earth until these bizarre concoctions disappear, diminishing scientists' blunder until all land is sterile, right?

Companies may rely on that solution, but I don't like it. A better idea is to buy organic food. This way, we know exactly what our food has gone through, because our food shouldn't have to miraculously survive showers of poisonous chemicals before reaching the dinner table. If we buy organic food, the fret about eating metal particles from a science experiment completely vanishes. What a relief!

It's about time we stop loading our bodies with an exotic combination of genes grinded together from different species, which Mother Nature never intended for human consumption. We should care about the Earth we live on, if not for ourselves then for the future generations. And if not for them either, than for the sake of good morale. Simply by buying organic labeled foods, we can stop supporting these companies who want to keep secrets from us.

Plenty of other countries can live without GMOs. We should follow their trend by eating organic foods.

Government Shutdown: The Aftermath

By Carolyn Gladd
Staff Writer

Recently our country experienced a government shutdown which lasted from the first of October until the middle of the month with normal government operations resuming on the seventeenth, more than two weeks later. The length of the shutdown is one of the longest in history; the record for the longest being in December of 1995 to January 1996, for a total of 21 days.

Now that the government has reopened many citizens are concerned about the effects the shutdown has had on the nation. One of the main concerns during the shutdown was the number of government employees that were temporarily out of a job and without pay. According to the Washington Post, idle workers were not the only individuals to take a hit; other victims included the "national parks and nonprofit, after school programs for children." Fortunately, the economy doesn't seem to have taken too much of an expected tumble, and sectors have rebounded well after the seventeen day hiatus.

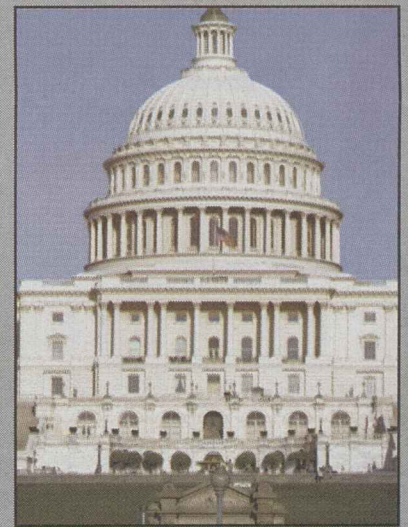


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In addition to the above concerns is also the major issue of the politics. The American people were anxious to know what decisions Congress was making concerning the major national issues of the debt limit and Obamacare. No matter what side of the political spectrum you happen to be on, the majority of Americans did not support the shutdown and wanted quick, non-invasive resolutions to the issues. The nature of the shutdown is controversial with frustration coming from all sides. Each news channel and media outlet handled it differently. More conservative stations, like Fox News, placed blame on those, namely Democrats, who were not willing to negotiate or compromise. While more liberal networks like CNN tried to blame Republicans in Congress, accusing them of being unreasonable and having no right to hold up the implementation of the new law. Both parties were blamed by their respective opponents.

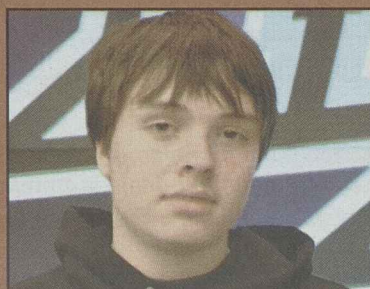
No matter which way you spin it, the lesson learned is that politicians must learn to answer to the people and not push their own agenda simply to get their way. While the nation is split on its opinion regarding the new healthcare law, so was Congress. Only time will tell whether or not the deal finally reached by Congress (which includes raising the debt ceiling) will prove successful.

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food staple?

Photos by Melia Sigmon



Alison Astone - Freshman
Candied Sweet Potatoes



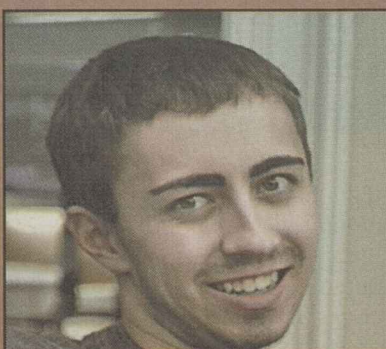
Eric Wallace - Freshman
Turkey



Jettie Swisher - Freshman
Cranberry Sauce



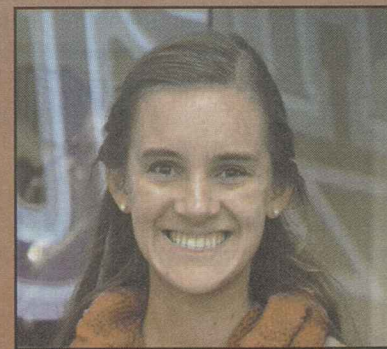
Ellen Francis - Freshman
Stuffing



Zac Gaetano - Freshman
Pumpkin Pie



Josh Walston - Junior
Broccoli Casserole



Summer Stevens - Freshman
Green Bean Casserole

News

New 3D printer creates excitement among students

By Brittany Muldoon
Staff Writer

Imagine typing a description of an object into a machine, and having that same machine produce a model of that exact object. You can now hold that object in your hand and present it to your college class.

With the new technology of 3-D printers, people can build scale-models of objects in a specialized computer program, which sends the files to the printer, producing the final product.

According to Paul Marsh, design manager for Ryan Scott Displays, the 3-D printer produces material as if it were a deck of cards. The software cuts the model into thin layers and the printer lays down the plastic filament one layer at a time until it produces the "full deck," or the final product.

Until now, the use of these printers was confined to larger institutions and companies, such as Ryan Scott Displays. The technology has recently become more affordable and colleges everywhere are training faculty and students on how to utilize it.

High Point University is no exception. There has been a lot of buzz on campus surrounding the addition of the \$3,000 3-D printer to the School of Art and Design. Professors are currently testing the printer and the software that goes along with it in order to implement the new technology into the standard curriculum.

The printer at HPU, which resides in Norton Hall, operates using two different kinds of plastic: ABS and PLA. These two types of plastic are useful for different objectives depending on the model being printed according to Brandon Jones, an instructor at the School of Art and Design.

Jones says that one of the main reasons HPU chose to purchase this specific MakerBot Replicator 2X model printer was because plastics make it easier for design stu-

dents to create physical models.

"The basic idea is that a student goes from ideation to prototype with these machines," Jones says. "These prototypes will be especially useful for projects in which students are asked to design specific types of furniture."

Christiana Walker, a senior at HPU majoring in Interior Design, affirms Jones' statement. She is excited about the 3-D printer that she will soon be able to use and

ing to Jones, students will soon be able to build full-size models of furniture. In order to do this, students will print small parts of the furniture. Once all the parts are finished, students will put them together to make the final piece.

With this possibility in mind, Walker hopes that 3-D printers can be useful in the field of architecture and that HPU can begin to develop that as a major. She believes that architecture majors will eventually be able to print models of buildings using this technology.

Jones hopes that as the printers become more affordable, HPU will be able to create an entire lab of them to use during class time. He says that the printers continue to become more compact and cheaper. Soon, students may even be able to keep 3-D printers in their dorm rooms.

In fact, according to a study done at Michigan Technological University, having an at-home 3-D printer could save the average household anywhere from \$300 to \$2,000 per year because people would be able to print things that they would normally buy, such as a doorknob.

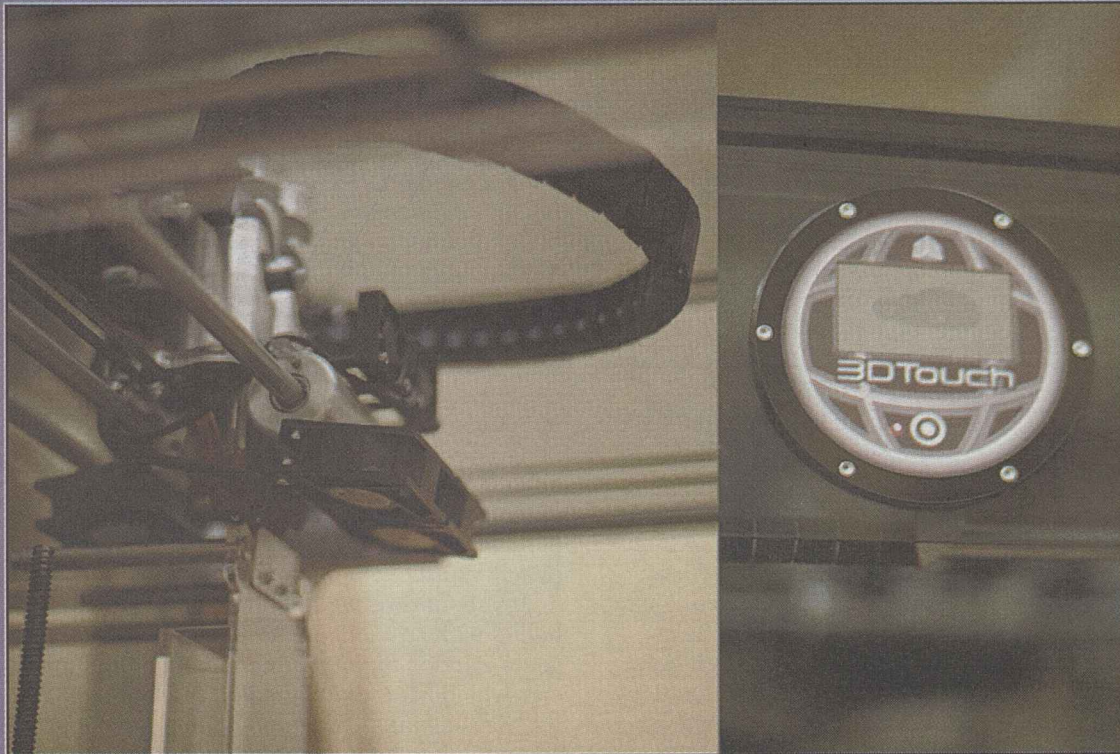
Although there are many benefits to the new technology of the 3-D printer, there are some drawbacks associated with its use.

From an interior design perspective, Walker argues that the use of the printer could become troublesome if designers rely too heavily on them to create models. She worries that the skill of hand sketching designs will be lost. She also points out that it creates the potential for people to abuse and waste the materials that the printer uses.

Either way, the full power of the 3-D printer has yet to be discovered.

In order to prevent the drawbacks that Walker and Marsh pointed out from occurring on campus, Jones says that students will always be monitored when using the printers. They will also be given extensive training on the technology.

Jones says that the instructors within the School of Art and Design here at HPU are testing the printer and hope to have it ready for students to use by the beginning of next semester.



The new 3D printer at High Point University. Photo by Allie Dearie

thinks having physical prototypes that she makes for class will be beneficial when she graduates.

"When I first heard that we got a 3-D printer, I thought it was kind of unnecessary," says Walker. "Now I understand that they want us to have the upper hand and it will enhance our chances of getting a job because we have something physical to show to future employers."

Although the printer can only produce models that "are slightly bigger than a 10 pound bag of sugar," accord-

From Profile, page 1 traveled to the U.S. to study at HPU.

"The first time I stepped foot on campus was for move-in day," Bommidala said. "I researched the school and knew it was exactly what I wanted before even showing up."

Bommidala moved into HPU with her brother, Govind Bommidala, who is also a junior studying business administration.

Aside from her business ventures, Bommidala also enjoys traditional Indian dancing.

"My mom inspired me to go to cultural activities where I was exposed to Indian dancing," Bommidala said. "I started dancing at the age of seven."

Bommidala knows two traditional dances and performs for parties and cultural activities.

"Business is my passion, but I am also interested in the arts," Bommidala said. "I like to

paint and play the violin and veena, as well."

On campus Bommidala is a member of International Club, Business Students Association and is an economics tutor. She is also very passionate about the faculty members on campus.

"I adore the faculty and staff on campus," Bommidala said. "I love interacting with them because they are responsible and dependable."

In the future, Bommidala hopes to bring her business to the U.S with the hopes of managing it back in India.

In the meantime, however, Bommidala plans to continue managing her business in India while also studying at her dream school.

"I love the fact that I'm at HPU," she says.

From Bonner, page 1 current semester's curriculum, facilitates weekly Bonner Training meetings, and developed a student leadership team, which consists of the two seniors in the program, Christine Hamrick and Ali Hansen. Hamrick and Hansen will train Bonner Junior Intern, Molly House, on creating and implementing the program curriculum. The training will eventually evolve Bonner Leaders, leading the program to become a self-sustaining, student-run program.

Dr. Cara Kozma, Assistant Director of Service Learning, works with Mahathey and members to develop the Bonner Program, while Dr. Joe Blosser, Robert G. Culp Jr. director of Service Learning, works on developing student funding, media and marketing opportunities, and admissions procedures.

"It's an incredible program for developing the kind of civic and professional leadership skills undergraduates need to make a difference in their companies and communities upon graduation," said Blosser. "There really isn't a better model out there, and I think our first group of Bonners shows just how amazing the program can be."

So far, Bonner Leaders have attended five conferences, some of which enable the students to connect with Bonners from other schools across the nation. Other conferences include NC Campuses Against Hunger and CSNAP, Citizenship, Service Networking,

and Partnerships.

Each of the six members of the program commit five hours of work each week at their respective partner sites, including West End Ministries, the Community Writing Center, and Learning Together. Additionally, Bonner Leaders have weekly training sessions for an hour to reflect, discuss and learn about material related to their work. Sessions include learning about conflict resolution, communication styles and the surrounding community.

"The goal for the first year is to be recognized by students, faculty and staff across campus by hosting several events centered around service, community engagement, and issues that plague the city of High Point," said Mahathey. "We hope to do this by partnering with other campus service organizations, hosting panel discussions with community partners, and creating a space for open dialogue amongst campus peoples and community members."

The Bonner Program plans to recruit members for the next cohort, the majority of which will consist of incoming freshmen. If you are an upperclassman seeking membership, the Bonner Leaders will host a spring information session and represent the program at the Activities Fairs.

A&E

Rockstar Games releases yet another wildly popular title in GTA V

By Carly Delengowski
Staff Writer

Recently, the Grand Theft Auto developers released a new addition to the Grand Theft Auto multimillionaire video game family. The fifth version of this legendary game, *Grand Theft Auto V*, was released on September 17, and saying that the release was successful is an understatement.

Experts have estimated that *GTA V* will set new sale records within the 1st year of its release. Gamers across America have been glued to their television screens since the release of the high-energy game. Soon developers will release the other versions of the game applicable for PC's and phones, creating even more attention for the *GTA V* industry. *GTA V* seems as if it is only going to become more popular throughout the upcoming year.

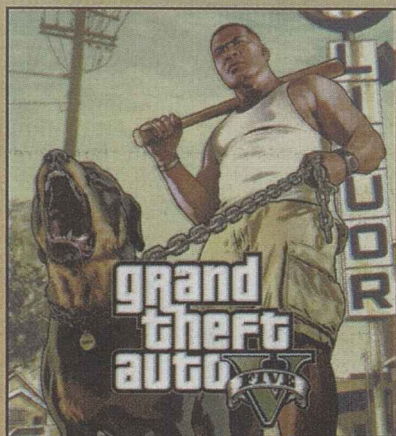


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GTA is an escape from a player's daily routine into an electronic database where they are able to create a character unlike their usual everyday life. Gamers can choose between two different modes to play when logging on to *GTA V*: Story Mode or Online Mode. Although the modes are similar, Story Mode has some pre-determined factors of the game decided by the developers.

Throughout the game, you play a character that is a criminal on various missions to earn money and build your own empire. Gamers can earn enough money to drive fancy cars, wear designer suits and cover themselves in tattoos. However, there is no single true "goal" of *GTA V*. Gamers have the choice to roam the city freely, become criminal masterminds and/or emphasize their freedom.

All the *GTA* games are based on the same basic principles. So what makes *GTA V* better than the others? It is an improved version of the *GTA* games that were previously released. *GTA IV* was released years ago and the technology has been greatly enhanced since then. *GTA V* has stunning graphics and many new characters, traits, cars, etc. However, the new game does have a few downfalls such as: disappearing items, faulty servers and errors with the tutorials. Still, *GTA V* is obviously the best one yet.

If you haven't yet jumped on the *GTA V* bandwagon, you can purchase the game online or in any local video game store. The game is usually priced around \$60, but if you explore, I am sure you could find a copy sold for less!

This year in theater: October monthly recap

By Zach Farmer
Staff Writer

Tales of love, heartbreak and emotions that compose the basis of human nature, are brought to life through the theatre. People come together regardless of background for a short time to witness a depiction of human nature we can all relate to in our own way.

This was seen earlier in the semester when the High Point University Theatre Department performed an adaptation of "The Diary of Anne Frank." On Oct. 9, the last day of the show, a variety of people filled the seats from students, faculty, members of the community and even Dr. and Mrs. Qubein.

As the play began, the daily worries of audience members were overpowered by the emotional portrayal of Anne Frank (performed by Kelsey Swann) and seven other individuals who were forced into hiding for simply being who they were. As we watched, we saw Anne transform from a young girl into a young lady. The struggles of puberty, boys and even disagreements with her mother were all things with which we in the audience could relate. After the dramatic and moving conclusion the lights came on and there was not a single person who did not look visually moved by what they had just seen.

On Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1, a Night of Short Plays was produced, featuring plays written by HPU students. "The Definition of Madness" by Jamison Meyer and "Theodore's Grace" by Mackie Quirk are both products of a play writing class offered at HPU.

"The Definition of Madness" examines the relationship between a murdered man's wife, Eliza (DeAnna Hughes) and his killer, William Minor (Jared Goldenburg). Based on a true story, the play portrays the victim's wife visiting the killer in an insane asylum quite frequently over the course of a year. There is no record of what went on during these visits, but this play examines what could have transpired. It is known that William Minor, while in the asylum, contributed an estimated 200,000 words, more than any person, to the Oxford Dictionary as it was being written. During the performance we saw a dejected Minor plea for forgiveness from the widowed Eliza Merrett. The ending revealed that you must find your own purpose in life and true forgiveness begins with forgiving one's self.

"Theodore's Grace" is a tragic story that shows us a love captured by a young couple only to have it heartbreakingly stolen from them as a product of war. The performance used a creative commentary from Sirens, a group of four women who provide insight to the audience while going unnoticed by the actors, and unique dialogue between the characters. With only letters proclaiming their love, and a brief flashback, Grace (Emily Pearl) is left behind as Theodore (Dave Mikulay) is drafted into the military. We saw Theodore and Grace's love for one another brought to life through a range of emotions that captivated all who were in attendance.

For those of you who missed "The Diary of Anne Frank" and A Night of Short Plays there is another opportunity to see a HPU Theatre production before the end of the semester. "Into the Woods," a musical based on well known fairytales that are then turned on their heads, is the Theatre Department's "biggest production of the year." From the technical intricacies involved with choreographing and performing a musical, to the costume and set design, it is said to be "above and beyond anything we have ever done." "Into the Woods" will be performed Nov. 14-17 at 7:30 p.m., with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday afternoon.

Next semester there will be a modern adaptation of *Eurydice* by Sarah Ruhl; *The Winter's Tale*, a Shakespeare play; along with student productions of *Art* in January, *Manuscript* in March. Stop by the Box Office located in the front entrance of the Hayworth Fine Arts Center or reach them by phone at 336-841-4673 for tickets.



The Definition of Madness examines the complicated relationship between a victim's wife and the killer. Photo by Allie Dearie

Students create 'The Pin Point,' HPU's first fashion magazine

By Mayeesa Mitchell
Staff Writer

Colorful prints, knitted sweaters and DIY beanies, oh my! These fashionable Fall favorites are featured in the Fall 2013 edition of *The Pin Point*, High Point University's first and only fashion and lifestyle magazine.

According to creators Brailey Lisath and Lily Chalfant, both sophomore communication majors, "The Pin Point is a fashion and lifestyle magazine available in an online platform that is run completely by students and that combines elements of design and communication, both on page and behind the scenes."

The idea for the magazine is the brainchild of Lisath, who saw a void in the types of media produced here at HPU.

"The Pin Point is actually kind of my baby. It was an idea that spurred from my obsession with Nylon's/Free People's online blogs, as well as my general interest in the fashion magazine industry and desire to be apart of it. Prior to leaving for summer break last year, I asked Lily to be my partner in it because fashion is a passion we both share," said Lisath.

Once the idea was solidified, Lisath and Chalfant went through the process of writing a constitution, selecting an advisor as well as getting the project approved as a student organization. After completing these steps, all that was left to do was to come up with the concept and shoot the photos for the first issue that was released on Oct. 4.

According to Chalfant, releasing the first issue of the magazine did not come without some challenges.

"Being that this is a brand new adventure and experience not only for Brailey and I but for others that want to get involved, keeping everyone on task can be a bit challenging," said Chalfant. "Also, creating a cohesive style that we both wholeheartedly agree on and trying not to micromanage each other can always be tricky."

Despite the challenges, the first issue managed to capture a unique take on fall fashion that caters to the unpredictable North Carolina weather. The magazine isn't only about fashion, as it also

suggests creative DIY projects and reminded us that "Real Life Is Not About The Weekends" in the "Let's Speak Out" section.

Once the first issue was completed, the creators were able to look back and talk about what they liked best about the process of creating the magazine. For Lisath, her favorite part was "learning what it takes to put a magazine together." While Chalfant's favorite part was "the creative liberties they can take to build and mold the parts of their favorite magazines into their very own."

Both Lisath and Chalfant have taken on multiple roles in the production of the magazine. For the first issue, Lisath was a model, writer, stylist, photographer, photo editor and layout artist. Chalfant acted as creative director, story builder, photographer, stylist, assistant writer and social media manager.

Lisath and Chalfant didn't do it all on their own.

Jennifer Pascale, Ellen Francis and Zachary Hepp assisted as models. While Tina Buchette assisted as a writer and Zachary Hepp also assisted as a photographer. If you are interested in getting involved send an email to lisath12@highpoint.edu or chalf12@highpoint.edu.

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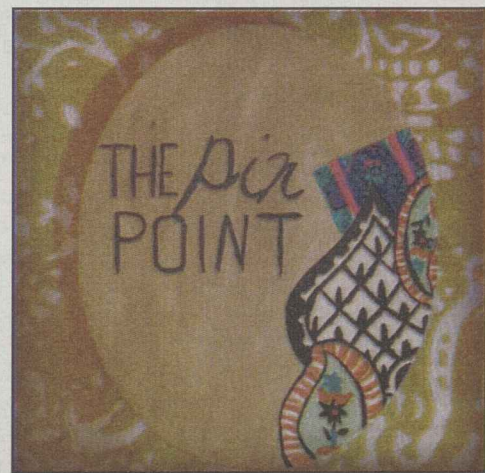


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Organizations

HPU sororities and fraternities promote philanthropy this fall

By Stephanie Schwartz
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October has been quite a busy month on High Point University's campus. Between Alumni Weekend, midterm exams and Fall Break it is amazing that students have had the time to come together to help those who deserve it most. The Greek community on campus works tremendously hard to promote their philanthropies and October has been a month full of service. Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Chi Omega, Phi Mu, Tri Sigma and Pi Kappa Alpha have all held philanthropy weeks during the month of October. Five different philanthropy events means five different causes getting attention and service from students.

Zeta Tau Alpha kicked October off with Think Pink Week, supporting breast cancer education and awareness. Events of the week included a giveback night at Barberitos, a pink pin-attire day, pink hair extensions, a Stella and Dot trunk show and a Seeds for Hope memorial ceremony. Students were able to purchase flowers in honor or memoriam of those affected by breast cancer. The campus was filled with pink, including pink ribbons passed out to all students to wear on their clothes or affix to their bags.

Pi Kappa Alpha hosted the Jimmy V. Week, supporting the Jimmy V. Foundation, which is a cancer research fund. Their week started with a member auction where students had the opportunity to bid on dates with brothers to local restaurants, movies and sporting events. Pairing with the Athletics program, they hosted the Panther Madness event, the kickoff to the winter athletic season, and a cookout. Later in the week, students wore red pin attire and had dinner at Chili's for a giveback night. The brothers also hosted College Night at After Hours, Jail Bail and a dinner. Brothers were placed in

a fake jail and could not be released until bail was paid. The dinner was for students who signed up to play in the 9th Annual Garnet and Gold Golf Classic, which wrapped up the week.

During the same week, Tri Sigma hosted their philanthropy week, supporting the Sigma Sigma Sigma Foundation, which funds play therapy hospitals in Chapel Hill, NC and Dallas, TX. The week started with a screening of the movie "21." Students frequently visit Barberitos, so the sisters hosted a giveback night during lunch and dinner. Sigma Sigma Sigma hosted a fun-filled casino night and wrapped up their week with a grilled cheese sale.

Phi Mu began their Miracle Week supporting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals with a trunk show and raffle. Vendors included Boho Blue, All that Jas, Stella and Dot, Headbands for Hope, Scentsy and Over Under Clothing.

Alpha Chi Omega wrapped up the month with their philanthropy week, supporting Domestic Violence Awareness. The week started with the Second Annual Strut Your Stuff event. Teams of five men went through a relay race wearing giant red high heels. The sisters showed the movie, "Safe Haven" for all students to watch. Students and faculty were invited to wear purple pin attire and the week ended with an Ivy and Leo Trunk show.

Overall, October has been an amazing month on campus for philanthropy and awareness. Students and faculty were all able to get involved on campus and help those less fortunate. If you did not get to participate in any philanthropy events this month, Kappa Delta and Alpha Gamma Delta are hosting philanthropy events throughout the month of November.

This week, Kappa Delta will be promoting the prevention of child abuse through a variety of events, including the Super Hero Dash, a 5k run and walk, along with a 1k walk for children ages 10 and under. The Super Hero Dash will take place at the Greek Village on Nov. 9. On Nov. 15, from 11:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m., Alpha Gamma Delta will host their annual Rasta Pasta event on the Greek Village promenade. Alpha Gamma Delta's philanthropy week, which will take place the week of Nov. 10 to support JDRC, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



Male participants compete in the Strut Your Stuff event to promote the fight against domestic violence. Photo by Allie Dearie.

Model UN competes in Washington, D.C.

By Liz Reichart
Staff Writer

The High Point Model United Nations Team is gearing up for what is anticipated to be an outstanding year of competition. This past weekend, the club packed up their portfolios and traveled to Washington D.C., where they competed at The National Collegiate Security Council, hosted by the Georgetown International Relations Association.

For months, the team had been diligently preparing for the chaos that unfolded at Georgetown. Students represent countries, create resolutions to global issues based on the views of those nations and present the solutions to assemblies of hundreds of other delegates. Over a span of several days, students debate furiously, competing for time to address the chair and floor of delegates in order to win high honors.

"The Georgetown Conference was an excellent learning experience for our members, new and old," says MUN co-President sophomore Hannah Bailey. "This was the first time High Point University MUN had participated in this conference and being a smaller Security Conference, it was a whole new ballgame compared to the Harvard National MUN Conference that we have attended in previous years."

"This was a small conference compared to the one we go in Boston," adds MUN Club Treasurer Luiza Fogaça. "Georgetown had around 500 delegates, whereas Harvard hosts almost 3,000. On that note, all schools participating were Ivy Leagues and very prestigious schools. It was very good for us from High Point University to put our face out there and build up our name and brand."

The competition at Georgetown was fierce, with schools like the University of Pennsylvania, University of Chicago, Boston University and Yale University in attendance.

"The atmosphere itself at the conference was very professional, it is really a representation of real UN committees and political sessions," says Fogaça. "Everyone takes his or her country or people they're representing and incorporates it into their speeches. I particularly like how people interpret, and how everyone is really passionate about it."

However intimidating the caliber of debaters present, High Point was prepared to meet the challenge the high-performing schools' programs posed.

"This year's Model UN club has more potential than ever," comments Bailey. With upwards of 30 members in the club, MUN meetings are spent in the study of United Nations documents and in fierce practice debate.

The club's advisor, Mr. Thaddeus Ostrowski, Instructor of Religion and Philosophy, is a key addition to the team this year, and guides the club in all debate practice. New members learn the appropriate decorum for addressing the other nations and rapid resolution writing tactics. All debate revolves around prevalent global issues, and members are required to arrive at meetings up to date on current international happenings.

With such an emphasis on repairing the world's maladies, MUN at High Point places an emphasis on giving back to the global community in which they reside. Last week, members of the team went trick or treating, not for candy, but for donations to UNICEF. The United Nations Children's Fund helps provide kids in need with health care, clean water, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more.

In this giving spirit, the Model UN team will be hosting a pizza fundraiser with a portion of the proceeds going to charity on Saturday, November 9. Hot pizza from Rome Italian Pizza will be sold on the Greek Village Promenade from 10:00 pm until 2:00 am. It promises to be a delicious event in support of a team that is out to change the world as man knows it.



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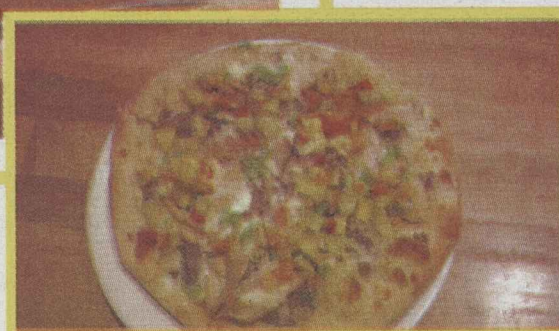
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Sports

Commentary: New athletic arena is needed

By Kevin Russel
Staff Writer

High Point University has seen unprecedented growth over the past seven years. Buildings have gone up in the blink of an eye and the student body has grown at a record setting pace. With each new building and each new piece of land that is bought, many continue to wonder when HPU will invest in a new athletic arena/convocation center.

Two years ago, HPU purchased the Oak Hollow Mall complex for \$9 million, what at the time was reported to be too good of a deal to pass up. The acquisition of the mall property led many people to wonder if it would be the future location of a new arena/convocation center.

In 2011, President Nido Qubein released a 10 year plan for the university and a new basketball arena/convocation center was front and center on that list. However, after two years and no formal plan for a new arena being released, many have questioned just how long it will be until we see the construction begin.

I strongly believe that a new arena is of high importance to our university. There are many advantages that would come from having a new arena and it would greatly benefit the entire student body and local community, not just one or two athletic teams.

A new state of the art arena would be a center piece for our university, as it would help attract more families and prospective students to our community. The facility could be used for many activities including sporting events, opening convocation, community events and, most importantly, graduation.

Ask anyone involved with last year's graduation and the first thing they will tell you is how important it is to have an indoor location for the event. Last year's graduation was held outside, but it was a cold and misty day. By and large, we have been extremely lucky with the weather for recent

graduations, but how much longer is Mother Nature willing to cooperate?

The current inclement weather plan for graduation calls for the ceremony to be moved from the lawn outside Roberts Hall into the Millis Athletic and Convocation Center. Yet with over 1,000 students planning to walk and receive their diplomas, the Millis Center can no longer accommodate each graduate and all of his or her family members.

According to the HPU website, "in the event of inclem-

arena of that size would be on the smaller scale in terms of Division I facilities, it would seat almost two times more than the current Millis Center, which has a listed capacity of 1,800. This would allow for each graduate to bring more than the current number of two guests.

Along with providing our campus with a large facility for commencement, the new arena would undoubtedly become the new home of our men's and women's basketball programs. Both programs have taken tremendous strides over the past few seasons. What better way to reward the coaches and players than with a new state of the art facility to call home.

A new arena would undoubtedly be something that would help both programs continue on in their quest to achieve their first ever NCAA tournament births'.

"We strive to compete against teams like VCU, College of Charleston and Davidson, in the recruiting process and having a new arena would only add to our ability to compete with these programs and bring in top level recruits," said Cherry.

Both Cherry and Women's Basketball Coach DeUnna Hendrix agree that a sustained period of on the court success would encourage university toward a new facility.

"I absolutely think our success will play a factor [on a new facility being built]," said Hendrix.

According to Sam Phipps, the Director of Facilities and Operations for Athletics, there are discussions to add a new arena, but he believes it is important to not play favorites when renovating or building new facilities. Phipps notes that

the university put nearly two million dollars into renovating Millis just four summers ago, and he believes it is important to upgrade other teams' areas before we do another renovation or upgrade for basketball.

While I agree that it is important to not play favorites, I believe that an arena would benefit much more than just our two basketball programs. An arena/convocation center is something that everyone on campus can benefit from, and I look forward to seeing one soon!



Millis Center Gym. Photo by High Point University Sports Information Department

ent weather, the Graduation Ceremony will be held in the Millis Athletic/Convocation Center and will be delayed until 9:30 a.m. Due to space limitations in the Millis Center, each candidate for graduation is permitted a maximum of three rain tickets (the graduate and two guests)."

According to HPU Men's Basketball Coach Scott Cherry, all of the discussions he has been a part of regarding a new facility have centered around an arena with a maximum capacity of 3,000 to 4,000 people. Although an

Soccer update: Men's soccer seeing growth after struggling in last 8 games

By Jason Lucarelli
Staff Writer

It has been a season of ups and downs for the High Point University men's soccer team, and now with the conference tournament rapidly approaching, everything is falling into place.

Over their last eight games, the Panthers have posted a 3-3-2 record, putting them at 5-7-3 on the season, but they find themselves right in the hunt for a high seed and a home game in the Big South Tournament.

"We've grown all season and it's time for the final push now. Our goal is to be the number 2 seed in the tournament," said head coach Dustin Fonder.

After losing to then ranked No. 23 Elon 1-4, the Panthers bounced back to beat Liberty 3-1, behind 2 goals from Ace forward Mamadee Nyepon, giving freshman goalie Ryan Massey his first collegiate win.

Coastal Carolina came to town for what would be an epic Big South faceoff as Erien Campbell scored a late equalizer to force overtime, though the game ended in the 104th minute of second overtime when predicted Big South Player of the year Pedro Ribeiro Of the Chanticleers drilled a laser past Palmer for the game winner.

The Panthers bounced back with a 1-0 win over UNC Asheville, again needing double overtime to decide a contest, this time the Panthers rejoiced when the surging Pat Shelton scored the deciding goal in the 190th minute.

A well-fought contest against West Virginia ended 1-1, the lone strike coming off the foot of Chris Ramsell for his first career goal, Goalie Kody Palmer tallied eight saves.

Winthrop bested the Panthers 0-1, and then Radford proved to be an equal opponent as the game ended in a 0-0 tie. That was Kody Palmer's 4th shutout of the season.

"Defensively we're a lot tighter, and that's enabled us to take more risks on offense," said Fonder.

The Panthers beat Campbell 3-1 off of two goals from Pat Shelton and one from Erien Campbell, climbing the ladder of seeding to number 5, with the potential and expectation to end at number 2.

"He's a major force," said Fonder of Shelton, the red shirt freshman who has fought injury and adversity all season and has become a staple in the team's success.

The team has had contributions from just about everybody, though.

"It's a different guy coming up big every night, partially due to injury, but Erien (Campbell) scored the other night, Kody (Palmer) is just coming back, Pat (Shelton) too, and meanwhile the back bones of our team Adam Sewell, Mamadee Nyepon, Sonny Mukungu have been consistent and kept us in it."

The Panthers final three games come against the tough Gardner Webb, followed by the dormant Presbyterian College and VMI. If the Panthers win out, they will end with the second seed and a home quarter final game will be played at Vert Stadium on Nov. 12.

If the Panthers don't win out, they can still potentially host a home game, as the top four teams do, decided by a point scale from the number of wins and ties teams have.

"If we're tied in the 80th minute of a game, don't be surprised if we pull a defender and throw a forward in there, because we need wins and those three points each gives us. Ties don't help right now," said Fonder.

Looking forward to the tournament this team has the recipe for a loud statement to be made.

With a star striker, incredibly athletic keeper and loads of young talent waiting to prove to the conference that the Panthers have built themselves a foundation for success.

"There hasn't been a single opponent that we've lost to or tied that left us saying 'we can't beat this team,'" said Fonder. "In a one and done we can beat anyone."



Adam Sewell, a senior midfielder, going after the ball in Saturday's 2-1 win over Gardner-Webb. Sewell scored the winning goal. Photo by High Point University Sports Information Department



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New Fraternity:
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Welcoming CNN correspondent Pamela Brown

By Jodi Guglielmi
A&E Editor

Before she could even settle into her new desk at CNN, 29-year-old Pamela Brown was whisked off to Boston to report on the Boston Marathon Bombings. In the eight months of her career at CNN thus far, Brown has been faced with covering even more high profile stories including the

had some of her greatest accomplishments.

"It was definitely trial by fire," said Brown. "I didn't have time to second guess myself."

Brown visited High Point University on Nov. 14, to share both her triumphs and challenges that she faced throughout her career as a broadcast journalist.

Before speaking in front of a large audience of students, faculty, and community members, she had the opportunity to get to know some students on a more candid and intimate level. Visiting classrooms throughout the day and eating lunch with members of the Society of Professional Journalists, Brown gave insight on what students should be doing now to prepare for the future.

"I couldn't believe how open and honest she was," said junior Danielle Turo, who met Brown during a classroom visit. "It was refreshing to hear from someone who is in the field but can still relate to what we are going through as college students. Hearing her story is inspiration for my own future."

When it came time to speak in Phillips Hall at 7 p.m., Brown focused on some of her personal setbacks and mistakes. From technical difficulties to extreme sleep deprivation, everything she went through helped prepare her for her current position as news correspondent and anchor at CNN.

"It's been surreal covering these major stories in front of a national audience, especially since I was just in your shoes not long ago," said Brown. "But I've learned that if you don't believe in yourself, no one else will. I've also learned that sometimes there is no failure, just opportunity."

Earning her degree in broadcast journalism from the University of North Carolina at

Chapel Hill, Brown began her career in Washington, D.C. at ABC7/WJLA-TV

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CNN Correspondent Pamela Brown speaks to students about her career as a broadcaster in Phillips Auditorium. Photo by Allie Dearie

Cleveland kidnapping and the Oklahoma tornado.

Though it was a difficult start that tested the young journalist's skills and dedication to the job, it was during these times that she

Sophomore publishes first e-novel for Kindle

By Savannah Simons
Organizations Editor

Brailey Lisath, a sophomore at High Point University, recently became a published author, as her book, "Compelled," became available for purchase for Kindle readers this past October.

Lisath's book tells a story about two teenagers who share a genetic mutation that gives them the ability to control peoples' minds, a race called coercers. Together, the teens, Mason and Olivia, come together to discover the truth about their past and seek the understanding of their future.

"The book is about Mason and Olivia discovering that a lot of what they've known their whole lives might not be true, and might be surrounding something more intense than they may be able to deal with," says Lisath.

The concept of the story was derived from a conversation with a friend, and the personalities of the two main characters are combinations from close friends at home. Lisath began the early stages of her book in December of her senior year of high school and finished the story within a month.

Originally, Lisath had no intention of publishing the book at the start, as she uses writing as a creative outlet for herself.

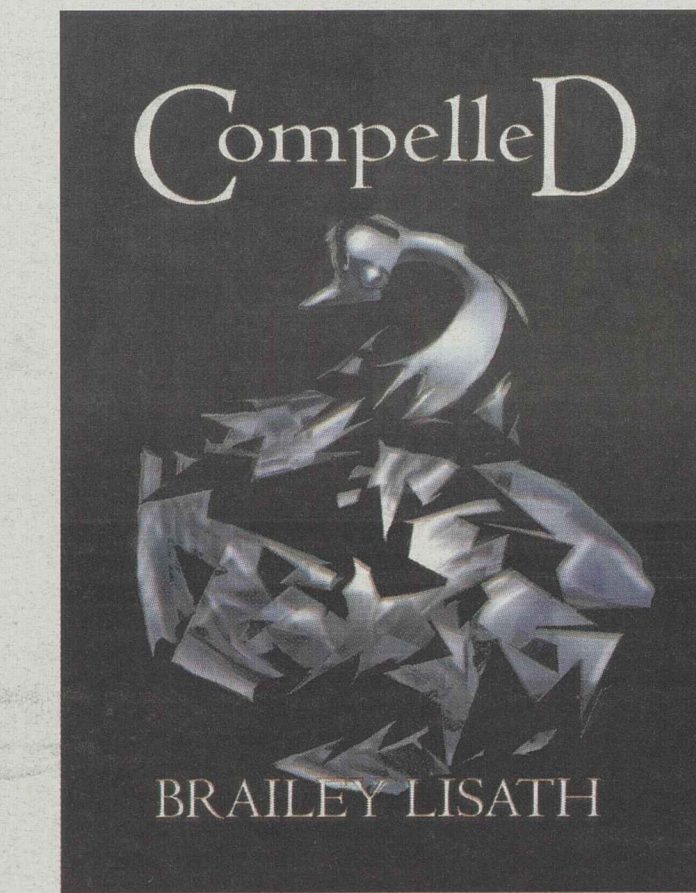
"I let a lot of people read my work," says Lisath. "My friends, siblings, and family read it and said, 'You need to do something with it.'"

Shortly afterwards, Lisath spent the month of January putting query letters together and sent a handful out to literary agencies by mid-February. Lisath notes she had to rewrite her query letters several times to make them sound less professional and more appealing.

"All literary agencies are readers themselves," says Lisath. "You don't want to appeal to just the professionalism of the business, but to the reader."

Just a few short months later, Saga Books, a literary agency, reached out to Lisath to set up a contract. By late June, Lisath began the tedious task of editing and re-editing her story.

Early on, Lisath and Saga Books agreed to begin selling the published book on the Kindle platform in order to decide which outlet would be the best to launch the book, depending on how many copies sold at each respective outlet. Lisath comments that she believes her and Saga Books will set up a contract with Barnes



Cover of Brailey Lisath's book. Photo by amazon.com

and Noble to promote and sell her book.

Lisath signed on for a two-book deal under contract and is currently working on the sequel to "Compelled." Lisath expects to have completed the sequel, "Consumed," by next year.

Currently, "Compelled" is for sale on Kindle for \$3.99 and will be available for Nook starting Dec. 13. Lisath hopes print copies of her book will be available in mid-January.

International Profile: Jose Pablo Salas Rojas

By James Ensor
Staff Writer

Many students go to college to pursue their undergraduate degree, afterwards entering the workforce. Jose Pablo Salas Rojas, however, has finished his undergraduate degree and is working on his graduate education.

"I'm from San Jose, Costa Rica," Rojas said. "When I came here in 2004 I knew very little English."

Upon arriving in the U.S., Rojas began studying at the United World College in New Mexico. The two-year program allowed Rojas to earn an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB).

"I was lucky to represent Costa Rica during my two years at UWC," Rojas said. "It's important to be able to learn from others."

After, Rojas took a gap-year before starting his undergraduate studies at Methodist University in Fayetteville.



Photo by Allie Dearie

"For my undergrad I focused on global studies," Salas Rojas said. "I was really involved with global outreach and the international club."

After graduating from Methodist University, Rojas took another year before deciding to pursue his graduate degree.

"During that year I worked in human relations," Salas Rojas said. "I really enjoy being in school so I started looking into grad schools."

After searching for graduate schools that offered programs focused on nonprofit management, Rojas discovered High Point University.

"I really enjoy the hospitality of the people at HPU," Rojas said. "The people here are very warm and are close to who I am by nature."

Currently, Rojas is a full-time student at HPU and is also a full-time employee at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. At UNC SA, Rojas is the Executive Assistant to the Chief Advancement Officer.

"It's very fulfilling to work at a school that advocates for the arts," Rojas

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Opinion

The Finals Struggle is Actually Real...Or Maybe Not?

By Anne Davey
Opinion Editor

Finals, finals, finals...ah, the most dreaded time of the college semester. While midterms are bad, nothing truly compares to the chaotic, stressed-out frenzy that is finals week. At the culmination of a long, tiring semester, in the throes of winter, just days away from a wonderful departure home for the holidays, finals truly can seem unbearable. The tasks that lie ahead, from Thanksgiving until Christmas, are so daunting they often seem insurmountable; final projects, oral presentations, thesis-length essays, you name it, its due during the pre-finals window, no doubt about that.

It is almost unavoidable to get stressed during this time. College students are conditioned this way, to dread finals and to dread the all-nighters they entail, to dread the end of the semester push when you're all burnt out, and to dread the make or break your grade pressure.

The thing is though, that in reality, finals are pretty trivial. Sure, they're a large part of your grade, and keeping your GPA high, but in reality this doesn't matter all that much. If you've gotten C's all year, no matter what you get on your final you aren't going to get an A in the class, its just not probable. So yes, finals do matter, and you can boost your grade, but why not weigh out your time, and focus on the finals that will improve your grade the most, instead of stressing over all of them. Finals are a time to practice the arts of time management and prioritizing.

These ever-elusive skills are critical in college, and in life. By picking the classes that matter most, and truly focusing on them, you'll be able to improve your grade where it matters, and not give an average performance on all of your tests because you didn't focus on what was important. If you're a Spanish major, getting an A on your tricky

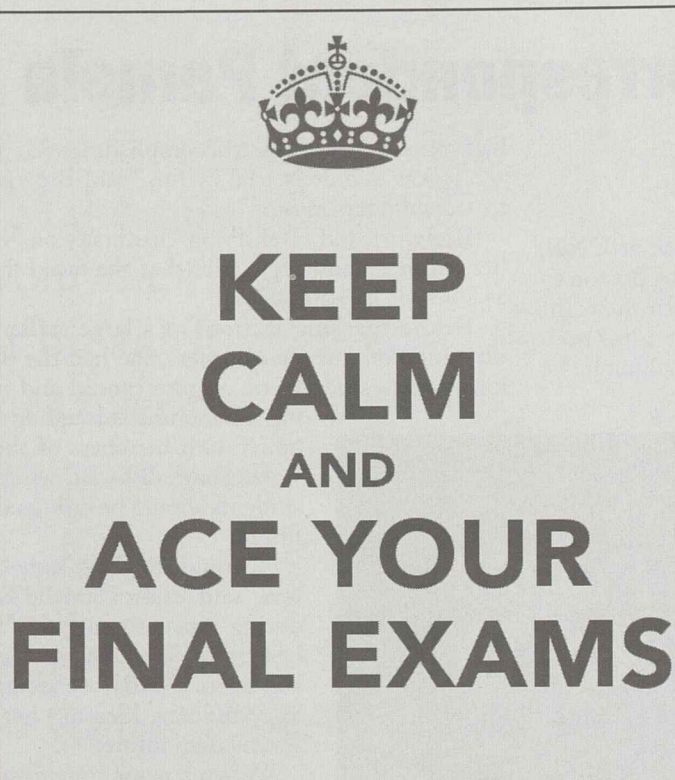


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Spanish final is more important than getting a B+ instead of a B in the chemistry class you're required to take but will never use again. By getting yourself trained to be in this mindset you'll be able to eliminate some stress, do best where it matters and learn valuable life skills.

Though this might not be the GPA boosting method, in reality that doesn't truly matter. Most college students will not go on to graduate or professional schools, and jobs really aren't looking at your GPA. They're looking at what you did, how you challenged yourself, and what you can bring to the table. Realizing that finals, and grades in general, are quite trivial in the grand scheme of things, students across the country might breathe a little easier and not work themselves into a frenzy each time the chaotic finals period approaches.

Hours in the library, studying and learning are crucial: yes. However they're not life or death, and by taking things a little less seriously, easing some tension and letting yourself breathe, you might just do better than you'd think.

Getting good grades and having a high GPA matter, but these four years are so much more. When you look back on college you'll remember the fun times you had with friends, the nights you went out and met new people, the opportunities you had and the experiences that made you. You can rest assured you won't remember that one math quiz or art exam you didn't do well on. More than likely, finals will still be a busy time, of stress and of anxiety, but maybe it'll be a little less so if you realize that in the end, this won't matter. It won't matter in ten years, it won't matter in a year, not even a month. Classes and grades come and go, soon they'll be a thing of the past and you'll barely remember what had you stressed at

all. With this knowledge, everyone should breathe a little easier and stress a little less, because in the end worrying about things you can't change, and that don't really matter, will only bring you down.

Kaitlyn Aiello: A Seniors Farewell to HPU and the Journalism Field

By Kaitlyn Aiello
News Editor

“What's more important? What we become or how we become it?” - One Tree Hill

As I prepare to leave High Point University behind in December, I find myself looking back on the past four years. I am graduating with a degree in journalism, even though I have no intention of making it my career. But I remain grateful for all of the communication courses I have taken; as they have showed me the paths that I do and do not want to take.

When I first applied to HPU I knew only one thing; that I loved to write. So journalism was the best fit, right? I thought so at the time. Soon after, I noticed that while I enjoyed staying busy and living a fast-paced lifestyle, I did not want to live on the run. I was not interested in covering the latest news stories, at all, just writing about them. I enjoy working with a group and helping others more: communications rather than journalism.

If it wasn't for the skills and knowledge that HPU has instilled in me, I would still be the young freshman wondering what I wanted to achieve in my life. Whether it was learning from classmates, professors or advisers, help was never far away. The relationships I built will last a lifetime, and I know that the people I have met will always be there as a reference, as a friend or even a coach. For me, HPU did not just provide me with an exceptional education, but with a strong bond leading me into my future career; whatever that may be.

Life is about being happy and learning from mistakes. College years are definitely a roller coaster ride and I'll be the first to admit that I've made plenty of mistakes. From poor test grades to arguments with friends, HPU has taught me to stay grounded. When my friends were all planning what to do on a Friday night, I was often left planning my work schedule. It was all worth it, because I am leaving with more experience and knowledge than I could have imagined. So, surround yourself with people that will not let you fall. And know you can conquer anything if you set your mind to it, because nothing is unachievable.

Thanks to HPU, I know that it is okay that my future career will not be in the field that I have a degree in. I have the biggest support system and amazing connections to help me find my way. My advice for you is to follow your passion, whatever and wherever it may be (even if that means moving across the country or even the world). Do not settle for anything for anything less than amazing.

My years at HPU have taught me more than I could have ever expected. I did not just receive an “extraordinary” education but was blessed with incredible friends, opportunities, classmates, and professors. Whether it was philanthropy events with my sisters of Alpha Gamma Delta or designing layout and writing for the Campus Chronicle, I cannot imagine spending these past four years doing anything else. North Carolina, you will always be my home.



Kaitlyn on her first visit to HPU. Photo submitted by Kaitlyn Aiello

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Opinion

No Saving Grace for Syria: Assad Regime's Crimes Against Humanity Persist

By Jessie Giaquinto
Staff Writer

The conflict in Syria is described by human rights activists as the largest humanitarian crisis since the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Yet the bloodshed continues largely unfettered by the United Nations, and the slaughter and starvation of innocent Syrians perpetuates day by day. In August of this year, the White House reported that it had obtained "compelling" evidence that the Assad regime in Syria was using chemical weapons on its own people, killing upwards of 1,400 civilians. In the following weeks, President Obama requested Congress's permission to conduct a military strike on Assad, and Congress subsequently denied the request to intervene militarily.

Then, the U.S. and Russian governments allied to call for Assad to report all of his chemical weaponry, their framework agreement calls for complete destruction of all of the weapons by June 2014. Assad met the October deadline, and submitted a report outlining all chemical weapons in the regime's possession.

However, the fighting continues, and Syrian civilians are dying by the hundreds. Human Rights Watch reports that the Assad regime has begun to employ incendiary bombs against civilians. Incendiary bombs catch fire while they are still in the air, and cause extremely painful burns that are difficult to treat. The Assad regime also bombed a schoolyard in Aleppo, kill-

ing over three dozen Syrians, according to the Violations Documentation Center in Syria. Most of these victims were children attending the secondary school. Most re-

out Syrian civilians and force them to surrender to the government.

"Both sides want to be the food-giver, but Assad has made it very clear he's not

provide aid for 2013, but member-states have provided only 56 percent of this requested amount. The US has contributed over \$800 million of this amount, by far the largest amount of aid money donated by any of the member-states.

Because of a lack of monetary aid, decisions must be made to give life saving food and medicine to only certain Syrian families. With no enforcement resolution from the United Nations, no strong public denouncement of Assad's refusal to allow humanitarian aid, and no binding policy from the general assembly or the security council, the Syrians seem to be at the mercy of Assad, with only limited humanitarian efforts to alleviate their suffering.

As we enter this holiday season, consider how blessed you are to be attending High Point University. No matter what frustrations might arise with school work, relatives and friends or even with yourself, be cognizant that you could have been born in Syria. To be able to spend the holidays in safety with those you love is a privilege that many in this world are denied. The frustrations that we consider to be substantial truly pale in comparison to the daily battle that Syrian civilians must fight each and every day in order to survive.

If you found this article to be thought-provoking, the author encourages you to consider donating to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, or UNHCR, at donate.unhcr.org/syria-uk

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whole tree,
So the wrong-doer cannot do wrong
without the hidden will of you all."
-Kahlil Gibran**

cently, on the 16th of November, the Syrian government dropped these types of bombs on the Damascus suburb of Daraya.

These attacks are most certainly being carried out by the Syrian government, documented by videos that illustrate the bombs being dropped by fixed-wing jet aircrafts and helicopters operated by the Syrian Air Force. The rebellion has no real air power.

Currently, Assad has employed a strategy to force Syrians to come to him for sustenance-and it appears to be working. The Syrian government is systematically blocking as much international humanitarian aid as it possibly can, in order to starve

going to let anybody else but him feed Syrians," stated Joshua Landis, an expert on Syria at the University of Oklahoma.

And the Syrian people are indeed starving. In the town of Muadamiyah, close to Damascus, civilians are eating leaves to stave off starvation, and Muslim clerics have recently issued a fatwa that permits the consumption of dogs and cats in order to lessen death by starvation.

An additional impediment to aiding Syrians is a serious lack of resources. The United Nations Syria Humanitarian Assistance Response plan estimates that there are 6.8 million Syrians in need within the country. The plan requested \$1.4 billion to

The HPU Gratitude Project: High Point Students Have Much to Be Greatful For

By Anne Davey
Opinion Editor

Each year around Thanksgiving time, the students of High Point University participate in The Gratitude Project. Thanksgiving, after all, is a time of reflection and thanks for all of the blessings life has given. Students, faculty and staff join together at this time of thanks to celebrate, to praise, and be thankful for what they have. Making signs and recording a video, The Gratitude Project is interactive and engaging.



"I am thankful for a university that encourages me to DREAM BIG." Senior Mallory MacMahon shows off what she's thankful for in this year's Gratitude Project. Photo by High Point University

The final product is sent to parents, alumni and the entire HPU network. Each year I receive a teary-eyed phone call from my mother saying how wonderful she thinks the HPU Gratitude Project is. How remarkable, she says, is it that we go to a University with so much to offer, and such a heart for giving back. Students truly are grateful, so they come out in masses to show that thankfulness.

Thankfulness for friends, for

teams, for families. Thankfulness for sororities and fraternities, academic programs and scholarship opportunities. Thankfulness for anything and everything, HPU related or not.

The Gratitude Project is my favorite, because it truly embodies all that is remarkable about HPU. The entire University steps out to give thanks for whatever it is they are grateful for, and we share these words of thanks for everyone to see. In the modern era where Thanksgiving is over looked for Christmas, its easy to forget what lies at the heart of this American holiday. In a world where instant gratification and constant desire fuel our economy and are at the core of our daily lifestyle, its easy to get lost, and to forget all that we have been blessed with.

The Gratitude Project is a chance to reflect and give thanks, a subtle reminder from HPU about how truly lucky we are.

What Has Happened To Thanksgiving?

By Nicole Forman
Staff Writer

My friend and I walked outside one day and she exclaimed, "Oh my gosh, yay! The Christmas decorations are starting to go up!" I groaned. Sure, the decorations are beautiful and make the campus feel more joyous but do we really need to start decorating the moment the clock strikes midnight on Nov. 1? Aren't we forgetting one of our country's most important and traditional holidays in the process of starting Christmas so early?

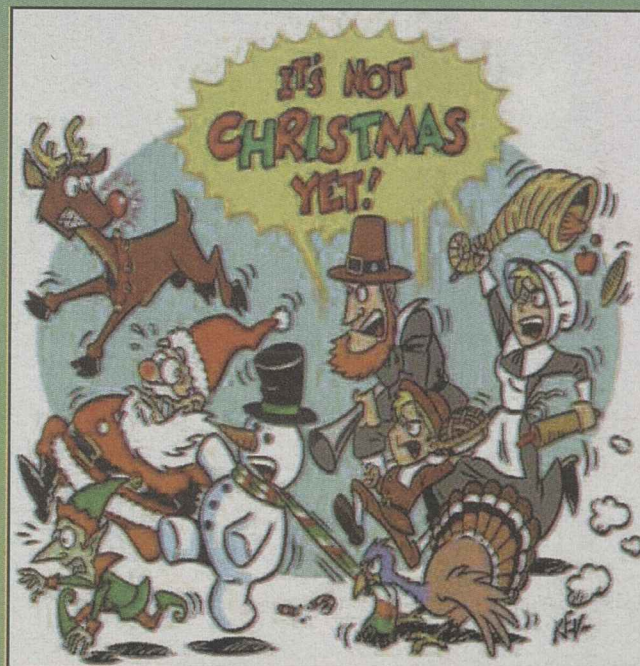
The truth is that Thanksgiving is being slowly edged out by the Christmas season. Thanksgiving holds no importance to big businesses because in reality they cannot make any money off of the holiday. But Christmas, well Christmas makes money. That's why so many businesses start to decorate and produce everything Christmas so early in the season. They want to encourage people to spend money, and they do a good job; many businesses make most of their money for the year during the Christmas season.

That's what our country has come to. We spend all of our time and energy trying to make money. In the process, we forget about our country's traditions and history and jump right to the money making commercialized holidays.

So what do we do?

Sure, we love to see the pretty lights, the wreaths, and the Christmas trees, but can you imagine living in a country where future generations don't celebrate or understand the importance of the Thanksgiving holiday? Because that is the nation we're creating. We're slowly edging out a national holiday for a holiday that is rooted in religion. A religion that many people in our country don't even celebrate! We need to take charge of our society again and tell businesses to stop this completely unnecessary practice. The only way to really do that, is to not participate, and to show people that Thanksgiving is important too. It's a national holiday and a historical one, not just religious.

Let's get Thanksgiving back to its former glory. Then we can decorate for Christmas, drink hot coco with marshmallows, and go caroling.



Christmas wait your turn! Photo by PracticalFrugality.com

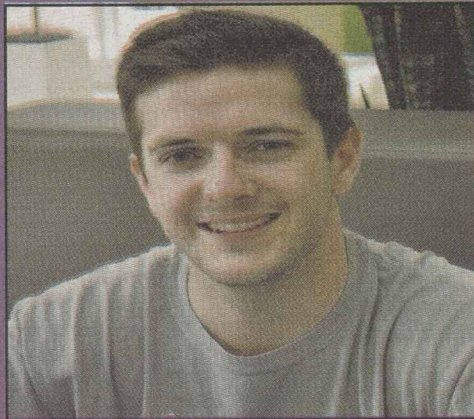
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HPU: What are you doing on your Christmas break?

Photos by Melia Sigmon



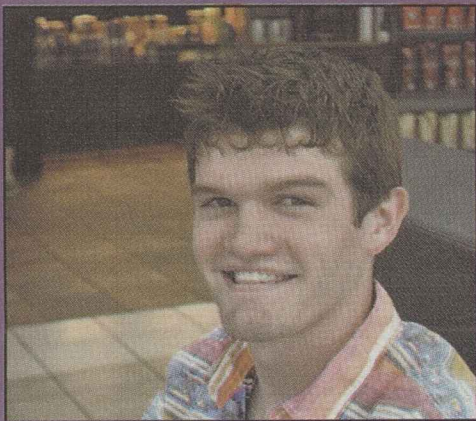
Allie Boisvert - Sophomore
My friends and I are renting out a house for a skiing trip.



Ryan Dillon - Senior
I'm going to Rockefeller Center for the Christmas tree lighting.



Charlie Burton - Freshman
I'm going home to California for Christmas.



Kevin Sanders - Senior
I'm going to a physics conference in Orlando with one of my professors.



Josh Stein - Junior
Hang out with my grandparents and cut down a Christmas tree.



Callie Klinkmueller - Junior
I'm going to frozen Fenway with my brother for his birthday.



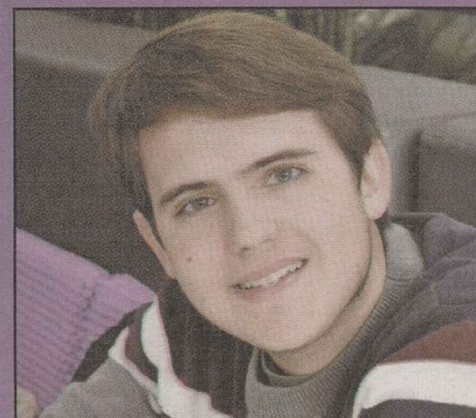
Betsy Luke - Senior
I'm going to Florida on vacation with my family



Jenn Iorio - Senior
I'm going to my sister's engagement party.



Patrick Gorrell - Sophomore
I'm going home to Richmond and hanging out with friends and family.



James Porzenski - Freshman
My family has a tradition of opening one gift before the Christmas Eve service.

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FosterHobbs Coffee Roastery welcomed as new Passport Partner

By Stephanie Schwartz
Staff Writer

Walking into FosterHobbs Coffee Roastery, one would expect an overwhelming aroma of freshly ground beans but there was so much more than just a caffeine buzz.

Owner Mike Foster left the world of a 10-year career as a commercial airline pilot to cultivate his dreams of opening a coffee roaster house. With years of flying all around the world, Foster gained extensive knowledge and insight into what the perfect cup of coffee really tastes like. At each one of his layovers, Foster would visit a new coffee shop and swear to himself that he would one day open up a "cool" coffee shop. This is not your Starbucks kind of coffee; rather, it is coffee with a purpose.

FosterHobbs will be celebrating its one-year anniversary this December, but is still just getting on the radar in the High Point Community. Running parallel with his community outreach and ministry initiatives, Foster took the route of entering into the coffee bean industry. One unique fact about their storefront is the color scheme on the inside is based off of a scene in the show, *Downton Abbey*. The

greens, reds and beiges depict a lavish dining room scene in the show.

There are other British influences throughout the store as well. The FosterHobbs logo is designed to look like a British Railroad sign. Even their slogan goes along with the British theme. At the train stations in England, the announcer comes on and says, "Mind the Gap" to alert passengers the train is coming. "Fill the Gap" is an adaptation

Foster started his own version of Fair Trade coffee called "Caring Trade." He specifically sources his coffee from places where he knows he can put money back into the coffee communities. Coffees vary in source from Costa Rica, Columbia, Brazil, Ethiopia and Sumatra. There are also two blends, an espresso and a decaf blend. All of the coffee beans sold in FosterHobbs are Arabica beans and are specialty grade. Foster did not hesitate to explain all

about the different types of coffee beans, the different grades of the beans and the roasting and grinding process.

"We're here to educate people on ways to get as close to brewing the best cup of coffee." A tip from Foster about sweetening coffee, "Try it black first to experience the taste. If you need sweetener, use honey."

Foster graduated from High Point College (as it was called back then) in 1987 with a BS degree in Business and Economics. His wife Pam received her special education licensure (Learning Disabilities) from HPU in 2005. Pam enjoys her relationship with the HPU School of Education by having students working in her

classroom for their practicum requirements.

Foster invites HPU students to visit the storefront to learn about coffee roasting and the outreach initiatives that FosterHobbs supports. The store is a passport partner and is located at 205 Neal Place, Suite 102, right next to Meg's Gifts.



The FosterHobbs logo. Photo by FosterHobbs.com

that Foster and his wife created.

"The gap we are trying to fill is where young people aren't hearing the gospel. We have other gaps too that we are trying to fill. We support anti-human trafficking and living well water. Enjoy some coffee, we're filling some gaps."

"Potluck for Pups" raises awareness, funds for local shelter

By Carly Delengowski
Staff Writer

Throughout the upcoming holidays, many charities are given attention. Donations to children, soldiers and the homeless are typically collected during the winter season. However, our country's animal shelters are forgotten about in the winter as the public's attention is diverted to other important causes. Yet, the Resident Assistants at High Point University developed a fundraiser to help raise awareness and collect donations during the month of November.

The RA's partnered with the Friends in Need animal shelter to host a fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 24. The fundraiser was called "Potluck for Pups!" and took place on the bottom floor of Finch dormitory. There were also activities outside on the school's International Promenade. Students were encouraged to bring a food dish for the potluck dinner along with a contribution for the animal shelter. Contributions could be anything from old towels, leashes, treats or toys. A few animals from the Friends in Need shelter joined students at the fundraiser to thank them for their participation. A fundraiser including food, animals and a good time with friends: could this fundraiser get any better? Although the Finch, Wilson and Millis RA's organized the fundraiser, all students were welcomed to participate and donate.

Although it was a bit chilly, the fundraiser had a great turnout. You could stay outside to play with the pups or enjoy some snacks in the warm inside. The shelter was very appreciative with the large amount of toys, food and other contributions that had been donated. Four dogs from the Friends in Need Shelter visited the campus for some playtime with the students and also to thank HPU for the donations. The dogs that came to the potluck were

Truffles, a year and a half year old that the shelter rescued almost a year ago; Tye, a two and half year old brindle pit-bull mix; Sky (Journey), a 7 month old Australian Shepard stray; and Scarlett, a 2 year old boxer mix who is the newest addition to the rescue. All the animals were very sweet and every student enjoyed having the chance to meet them.

The Friends in Need Shelter of Lexington, N.C. rescues abandoned animals in need of a loving family. The shelter takes care of an abundance of different types of animals including birds, rodents, dogs and cats. All the donations from the potluck will be going



High Point University students play with dogs from Friends in Need. Photo by Allie Dearie

to multiple kinds of animals at the shelter. The shelter is a part of a non-kill organization dedicated to bringing care and compassion to animals in need. Friends in Need not only works towards finding homes for homeless animals, but also promotes healthy and responsible pet ownership and maintains spay and neuter programs.

Although the donation box and fundraiser will be ending on Nov. 24, donations and thoughts for Friends in Need can continue. During the holiday season, remember to keep rescue animals in mind and do your best to help out the most you can. The Friends in Need animal shelter is always accepting donations and volunteers. Perhaps you're willing to adopt a furry friend for yourself and welcome another life into your home.

If you missed out on Potluck for Pups on November 24th but would still like to contribute or learn more about Friends in Need, check out their website at: <http://www.friendsinneednc.com/>

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and NewsChannel8.

Sacrificing many weekends and personal time to take on stories and work extra hours on the job, Brown never doubted whether or not the sacrifice would pay off. She had her set goals and was willing to do anything necessary to achieve them. Even if that meant putting her head down and working harder than those around her, it was all going to be worth it in the end.

When she got the call that she was hired at CNN, she was elated. While her new job would bring a new set of challenges and would require even more work and dedication, it was a step that she was ready for.

"CNN is a dream for most reporters. Learning about how she was able to work her way up was extremely encouraging to hear as a student. It's good to know that all of the hard work and sacrifice really can pay off," said senior Sarah Sweeney.

You can catch Brown on CNN as a contributor to the "New Day" segment with Chris Cuomo, Kate Bolduan and Michaela Pereira, and as a news correspondent on a variety of stories.

Brown joins the likes of Seth Godin, Malcom Gladwell, Steve Forbes, and many other inspiring thought leaders that have been a part of HPU's Cultural Enrichment Series.

From Rojas, page 1 said. "I enjoy the idea of working in advancement for a school that believes in the arts."

Through his experience with UNCSA, Rojas hopes to continue working in education.

"My heart lies in education because I was given opportunities when I left Costa Rica," he said. "In the future I would like to continue working with educational institutions."

Without a high school education herself, Rojas' mother always inspired him to work hard to become educated.

"She really battled to give me the education that I have," Rojas said.

Rojas is the youngest of four siblings. All of his family lives in Costa Rica.

"Coming to HPU makes things nicer," Salas Rojas said. "It's a hidden jewel that I get to enjoy every day."

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A few tips on how to make your relationship stand the test of time

By Chelsie Skroback
Editor in Chief

Over fall break I did something that might seem unusual to the normal college student. During the one week we had off from classes and responsibilities, I got married and went on a honeymoon. It was absolutely wonderful; it was every thing I thought it would be, especially when it came to the point where I could relax with no guilt.

However, this decision to get married didn't happen over night. I started dating my husband six years ago, and it was not love at first sight. We spent several years learning about each other, figuring out our flaws and our strengths, what our likes and dislikes were. It wasn't until we had been dating for three years that I could see myself with him for the rest of my life, and during that time we had become more than boyfriend and girlfriend but best friends. It might sound cheesy and cliché, but there is nothing more important than having a relationship that is based on a strong friendship.

After our fifth year of dating, we had "the talk." We started to discuss our options, where we wanted to go with the relationship, and what our future goals were. That was at the beginning of summer, and by the end of that same summer, July 26, 2012 to be exact, I was nodding my head furiously as my husband asked, "Will you marry me?"

From that moment on we started to change. We were beginning to mature together, and it was wonderful. And as the months slipped by we were given plenty of advice on ways to make our marriage last and to get the most from it, but a lot of it I'd heard before. Then I had lunch with my mother-in-law and she gave me advice that isn't just valuable for a marriage, but valuable for when you are dating as well. This is the advice she gave me:

Make time for each other. This shouldn't be a surprise, but it's something that I think people forget as time passes in a relationship. When you start dating you court each other. You get all dressed up to go out on a date, he picks you up, and for that time you're together you devote all your energy to them. But as you grow in your relationship, and things start to change, that special one-on-one time becomes blurred. For example, when my husband and I moved in together last year, we spent all of our time together and for a while every second mattered. Now that mentality has changed, and although we spend time together every day, we are focused on other things like our phones or the television. We recognized this, and we now spend our time talking over dinner and treating it as a mini-date. No phones, no laptops, no television in the background; it's just us and I am

very thankful for that time each day. It doesn't have to be dinner. It can be as simple as getting up and having coffee together before school or work, if that's possible for your relationship, and it truly makes all the difference.

Be each other's best friend. Don't be deceived by how it's a cliché answer, because it's really more than that. Our relationship together didn't start off as us being best friends, in fact I'd say when we started dating we knew nothing about each other. Throughout the remainder of our relationship we started to grow and we became best friends over time. This piece of advice doesn't mean you need to date your best friend, or that you need to instantly become best friends in order for there to be a spark. It just means that when

you start to think about your future with them, can you imagine them being there through all your bad days, your good days, and the days you probably shouldn't have gotten out of bed but you did anyway? Can you admit to their flaws but realize that's what makes you love them more? That "best friend" moment doesn't have to happen at any given time, but when you realize that's what you have, it'll enhance your relationship and remind you that things might not always be picture perfect, but you'll make it through together.

A Relationship is 80/20. I saved the best for last, because something about this concept completely blew my mind. She told me that a relationship isn't 50/50, it isn't all about you or all about your significant other; a relationship should be 80/20. You should always give 80 percent of yourself to your significant other, whatever that means to you, and only expect 20 percent back in return. Take a moment and think about that. When you think of a relationship as something that is give and take, you begin to assume that your significant other owes you something in return. Granted,

that's not always the case, but if a relationship is 50/50, you are implying that your good deeds need to be rewarded by good deeds. What an 80/20 relationship means is that you devote yourself to this person, expecting very little in return because you know it's the right thing to do. That is what a relationship is, giving as much as you can and expecting little in return, but knowing that they will some day return that favor in their own unique way.

A relationship takes work, it's not always easy and often times it sees arguments and set backs, but that's normal.

Since that lunch, I have tried to put my mother-in-law's words to heart. I've only been married for two months, but already I've seen a difference from pre-marriage to now. The difference lies in how well we are able to communicate and devote time to one another. I hope that as my relationship continue to grow and change, I remember the words that a wonderful woman gave me and it can be the foundation of my marriage for many years to come.

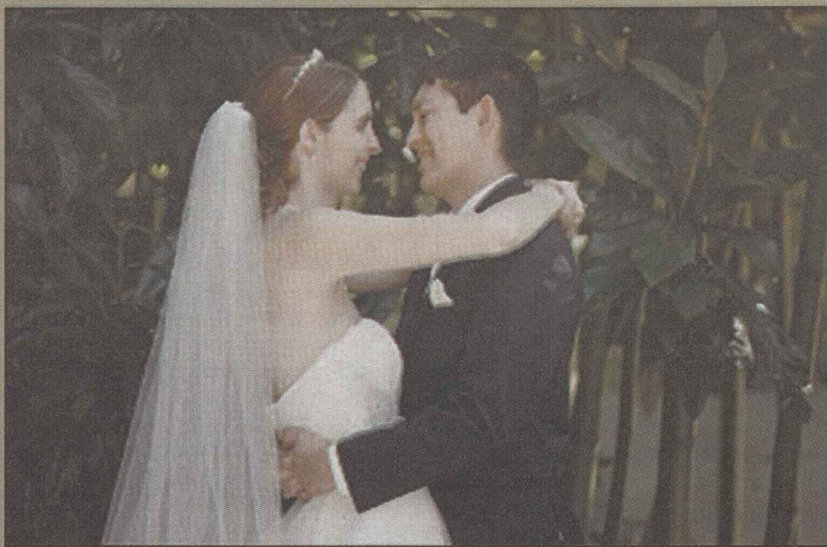


Photo submitted by Chelsie Skroback

Review: Tex and Shirley's Pancake House

By Jodi Guglielmi
A&E Editor

Tex and Shirley are two people who sure do know how to make pancakes, and boy are we thankful. In a town where solid breakfast restaurants are hard to come by, Tex and Shirley's Pancake House is a breath, or should I say bite, of fresh air.

Driving down Wendover Avenue, you might mistake Tex and Shirley's for any other restaurant you pass by. The outside of the restaurant is lackluster at best. In fact, if it weren't for the phrase "Pancake House" written on the front, you would have no idea that this was a breakfast joint.

But who needs fancy décor when you serve excellent food? Local breakfast diner feel or not, their pancakes could compete with the best.

I went with 19 - yes 19 - of my friends to Tex and Shirley's on a Wednesday morning. It is definitely worth noting that Wednesdays are all you can eat pancakes for \$2.79. But for the sake of our stomachs, we all decided to try different things.

Their menu is simple and straight to the point. Looking at the left, your eyes are immediately drawn to their pancake section. It is clear that Tex and Shirley wants you to eat their pancakes, and after assessing the options and prices, it really is the best deal on the menu. A stack of three pancakes range anywhere from \$3.25 to \$5.55, however, if you are hungry enough, you can always go for five. This is a great deal compared to the omelet you can buy for a whopping \$7.69, before additional toppings. And like any other breakfast place, they also serve waffles, bacon, toast, and so on.

I ordered the chocolate chip pancakes. I'm a sucker for anything sweet, so the thought of chocolate and syrup in one serving instantly got my attention.

Our waiter was extraordinary. Not only did he get everybody's orders correct, but also I never even saw an empty glass on the table. He literally ran to and from the kitchen so that no one was waiting for too long.

When my pancakes came out, they were steaming with fluffy goodness as the chocolate chips melted like butter over the top. One bite in and I was sold.

As I looked down the table I watched as nearly everyone cleared their plates with satisfaction.



Photo by www.twitter.com

Coming home: Accepting you've changed

By Erica Allaby
Staff Writer

All of our lives we yearn for the day that we can break away from our pasts, escape our childhoods and join a new and improved realm of adulthood. For now, we call this realm college.

As if stepping out of our comfort zone will erase the comfort zone all together. So we run away as fast as we can, breathing in every detail, searching for ourselves in new places.

I know this, because I followed these exact steps to a T. Upon high school graduation, I left my quaint, suburban hometown in Connecticut all the way down to sunny North Carolina. I needed to go far for the sake of my sanity; now here I am, four years later, happy and (debatably) sane.

But in the process of getting to this point, I had the ultimate love/hate relationship with my hometown, because one day, we must return to it all; revisit the place where it all began. We even find ourselves excited to do so. To show off our new and improved selves. "Look how far I've come."

If you're just starting this route to sanity, take cover because it's going to be a bumpy ride. Maybe preparation for what you have in store is the key to overcoming it. You're not alone, I promise.

Let me try to lay the grounds for how you'll be feeling into three phrases.

The first time you return home: You feel trapped and confined to the bubble that you had once managed to breakout of. Nothing has changed...except for you. All of the feelings that had long since been buried make their way to the surface again as you convince yourself that you miss your first love after driving through town and letting the nostalgia flood in through your windows. You avoid going out in public places if there is any chance of running into someone you know; which is everywhere. Did you just dream up all of the progress you made? You count down the minutes until the next jail break.

The second time you return home: Confidence in your transformation is solidifying. You feel out of place in the only place you used to feel at home. Sports teams you used to play for are filled with new baby faces who prance the school hallways with the confidence you once had. You realize how embarrassing your childhood room is, so you add a candle.. or two. You look at things that once blended in to the background differently- your house desperately needs a paint job, grass is taking over the old parking lot you used to solicit with your friends, your neighbor seems to be much older than you had remembered. You get past high school stereotypes. You realize that people change.

The third time you return home: You find the old comfort of driving on familiar streets. You learn to accept to breathe in the new details of an old place: freshly cut grass, the comfort of your bed despite the seven monkey stuffed-animals, the freshly brewed specialty coffee at your favorite cafe. Sweet little things remind you of your past but don't transport your heart there. You realize that people don't change.

Hometowns are where it all began. Where the best and the worst of your childhood happened. Where you loved and you learned. Where you realized that it sometimes takes leaving something great to find something better. Your hometown is your living-history.

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Into The Woods is more than your typical fairytale story

By Hannah Corwin
Staff Writer

High Point University's Theater department recently put on a production of "Into the Woods" by Steven Sondheim and James Lapine. This musical is a dark comedy that is a combination of several fairytales, including Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk and Rapunzel. It's about the fairytale characters finding ways to make their wishes come true, and later having to deal with the consequences of their wish.

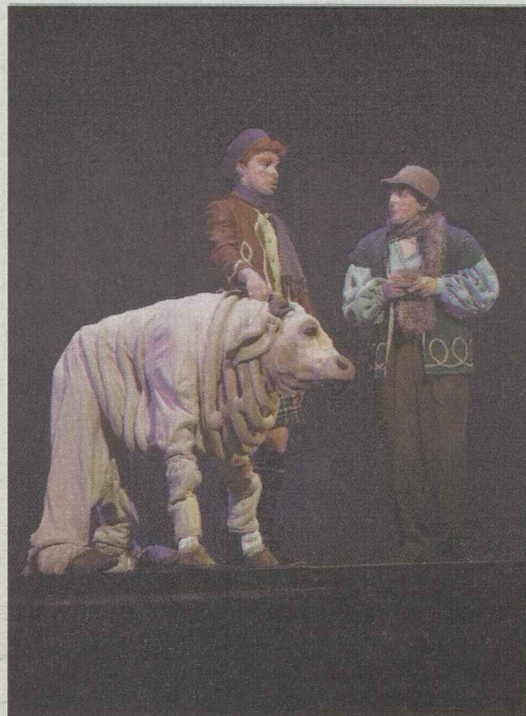
The first act opens with Cinderella (Ashley Siebeneichen), Jack (Madison Jordon), a childless Baker (Josh Stein) and his Wife (Cara Kramer). Cinderella wishes to go to the festival, Jack's Mother (Heather Rossi) is forcing Jack to sell their cow, Milky White (Nina Yasick), and the Baker and his Wife must reverse a curse placed on their family by the Witch (Courtney Feiman). Meanwhile, Little Red Riding Hood (Roxanne Daneman) must take food to her Granny (Summer Kiesel).

All throughout Act One, Cinderella attends the festival, dances with the Prince (Justin Beard), and continually runs away from him. Jack sells his cow to the Baker for magic beans, and then tries to buy her back with treasures he brings back from the Giant's castle. The Baker and his Wife try to reverse the family curse by collecting ingredients for a potion that the Witch needs. Little Red and her Granny are eaten by the Wolf (Justin Beard), and rescued by the Baker. And, Rapunzel (Fiona White), the Witch's daughter, meets her own Prince (Chaz Duffy) and falls in love.

Act One ends with Cinderella marrying her Prince, and Jack and his Mother with plenty of money from the Giant's hoard and with their cow back. The Baker and his Wife lift the curse on their family, and on the Witch that had turned her ugly. The Witch is now beautiful, but without her powers, and the Baker and his Wife are pregnant with their first child. And Rapunzel, her Prince, and their twins find each other after having been separated. It's happily ever after, or so it would seem.

Act Two opens, and once again, everyone is wishing for something. Cinderella wishes to sponsor a festival, Jack misses the castle in the sky, and the Baker and his Wife wish for more room. Just then, a crash happens, it's the wife of the giant (Summer Kiesel) who Jack killed earlier, and she's out for revenge. Everyone once again heads into the woods, The Baker and his Wife to bring Little Red to her Granny's, Jack to find the giant, and Cinderella to visit her mother's grave, which has been destroyed by the giant.

Throughout Act Two, everyone is trying to find a solution to the problem of the giant on a war path. Except for Rapunzel's Prince, who is cheating on her with Snow White (Lauren Quintal). Cinderella's Prince is cheating on her with the Baker's Wife and Sleeping Beauty (Megan Siebeneichen). The giant's rampage causes Rapunzel, The Narrator, Jack's Mother, the Baker's Wife and the Witch to lose their lives. Cinderella, the Baker, Jack and Little Red come up with a solution to the giant problem. They spread pitch on the ground in front of Rapunzel's tower, where the Baker and Jack await.



Jack stands with his cow during Into the Woods. Photo by Allie Dearie

HPU opera class impresses with 'Hansel and Gretel'

By Amanda Crow
Staff Writer

After what seems like a whirlwind semester full of both successful and creatively unique theater performances, the third and final show of 'Hansel and Gretel' took to the Pauline Theatre on Nov. 23.

The show told the story of a childhood tale that almost all of us grew up loving. Siblings, Hansel and Gretel, who find themselves abandoned in the woods. The two stumble upon an evil, cannibalistic witch's house made of sweets, where she tries to cook them in her oven. The children are able to outwit the witch and their family lives happily ever after in the witch's house.

Under the direction of Scott MacLeod, the six-member cast consisted of five students and one professor. The students, including two other stagehands, were auditioned, casted and were registered for the opera class here on campus. The previous two performances were put on for young children from the area, and the show wrapped up with a final performance for the public.

Engelbert Humperdinck's opera, 'Hansel and Gretel' is a timeless telling of a Grimm Brother's fairy tale. Since everyone is familiar with the story, and perhaps has seen it performed before, High Point's opera students were held to high standards.

Each performer far exceeded any expectations, in their voices and their acting. Not only that, but the pianist, Robert Hallquist, did a phenomenal job playing such a difficult opera without any other accompaniment. Gretel, played by Ariel Garipey, and Hansel, played by Allyson Goff, were a dynamic duo; their relationship was so well developed that, in addition to their perfect delivery of the cheeky lyrics and their child-like facial expressions, they had a very realistic sibling bond.

The message of any story can be difficult to convey in operas, but the cast did an incredible job in doing so.

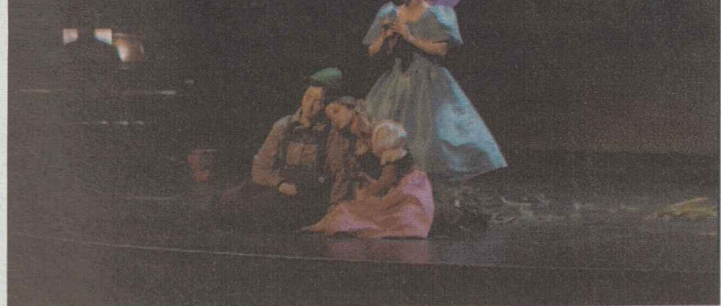
Mother, played by Eugenia Copeland, had a fantastic range, and Father, played by Martin Bell, had perfect diction. Even without microphones, every word could be understood. The Witch, performed by Dr. Melanie Crump, held the kids' attention the entire time. Her stellar cackle was partially sung and pierced through the accompaniment beautifully.

One stagehand, Justin Beard, carried the Dew Fairy, Ashley Siebeneichen, on and offstage, which added an element of humor to the show.

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Hansel and Gretel give a memorable performance. Photo by Allie Dearie



Local elementary students meet the cast of Hansel and Gretel. Photo by Allie Dearie

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You can't touch "The Intouchables"

By Jodi Guglielmi
A&E Editor

You've heard the story. A rich man meets a poor man and with an unexpected friendship, they help each other find internal happiness. While on the surface that is exactly what *The Intouchables* appears to be, the movie sheds a new light on what could have easily been déjà vu.

Based on a true story, *The Intouchables* tells the tale of Philippe (François Cluzet), a quadriplegic paralyzed from the neck down after a tragic paragliding accident. Living in a state of opulent lethargy and sick of being surrounded by nervous staff, Philippe goes on a search for a new caretaker.

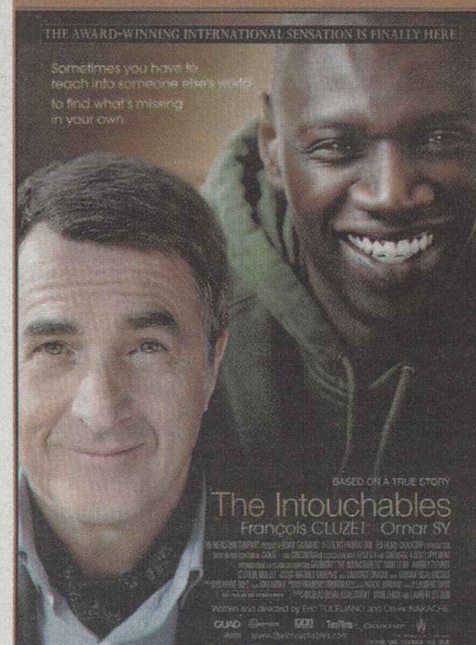


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But after a day of unimpressive job applicants, it becomes clear that Philippe is not just looking for someone to push him around, but rather someone to cheer him up.

When Driss (Omar Sy) walks in he is looking for nothing more than a signature to cash in his unemployment benefits. However, his quick wit and irreverence wins over Philippe. Against all recommendation, he offers Driss the job.

The movie depicts the unlikely camaraderie between the two equally likeable men. What follows, however, is a string of clichés that nearly all movies of this genre show. Driss is the free-spirited, soulful and rhythmically inclined character, and if Philippe could learn to live like this, he would be a happier man.

How is Driss able to achieve such a daunting task? The usual ways, of course. He flirts with the staff secretary and serves as the protector to Philippe's daughter. He uses his rhythm to spice up a boring party filled with old, rich, white people and encourages Philippe to enter the dating world.

But while there are many clichés, at least they are realistic ones. *The Intouchables* takes the unique approach of keeping it simple, but allowing for the impact to be just as big.

The success of this film comes directly from the unavoidable truth that *The Intouchables* recognizes. Being a caregiver goes far beyond feeding, bathing, dressing and pushing around. Driss cannot give him his ability to walk again, but what he gives is so much more valuable. He offers Philippe genuine companionship. And in this case, that was the most important part.

This is a feel-good movie; there is no denying that. But no matter the film's clichés, it still shows a handicapped man paragliding, and that's pretty cool.

A&E

Piedmont Farmers Market: More than just fresh veggies

By Erica Allaby
Staff Writer

Tis the season to chow down on the best foods and flavors that fall has to offer. From pumpkin spice to apple pie, there is something so homey about the change of seasons.

As always, breaking out of the bubble that we call home can be difficult and a rather strenuous activity. Getting out of bed on a Saturday Morning— who does that anymore? Well, when there is fresh food calling your name in celebration of this amazing season that we call autumn, it's time to take the leap and go local.

The Piedmont Triad Farmers Market is the biggest and best in the area, offering far more than just your average fruits and veggies. Although, it requires more effort than rolling out of bed and hopping over to Walmart in whatever you slept in the night prior, the 20 minute hike is well worth the drive and a far better experience than grocery shopping.

Grab a fresh squeezed lemonade on your way in, cruise through the endless outdoor and indoor aisles, and soak in the live folk music. Get lost in local.

Here's what you can expect to gain from the venture:

1. Munchies

From the moment you drive onto the grounds, the smell of freshly popped kettle corn rushes through your air vents, so come hungry and chow down on the outstanding variety of samples. Bring a bag and fill it to the brim. From freshly baked english muffin bread to homemade goat cheese spreads, you'll be sure to find something to suit your taste of the day. We won't even go into the endless health benefits. Don't have the extra money to spend after filling your gas tank to get there? Don't fret; free samples are all over the place.

2. Learn Something New

Did you know that there is such thing as blueberry wine or that eggplants can come in magenta? How about that a muscadine is a fat ole' type of grape grown in North Carolina?

You quickly find yourself paying attention to all of the delicately decorated signs around the shops, soaking in quite the assortment of information— information that you may have otherwise never learned. Learning outside of the classroom? That's crazy talk.

3. Make Friends

Not only are you learning something new, but new friends also seem to come hand in hand with it. Take Jammin' George, a Vietnam war veteran who now spends his days at the farmers market making over 20 types of jam. From Sweet Potato to Pina Colada, this man knows what he's doing. He treats his customers like life-long friends and if you're lucky, he might even feed you the samples. Ask questions and engage in conversation with the booth workers, they want to share their local love with you.

After just a couple hours at the market, you'll leave feeling fulfilled and real-world revived. Not many people have the opportunity to cruise down the highway and indulge in fresh and home-made goodies. Eat local and show your N.C. farmers some love.

Once you go local, you'll never go back.

Never leave anything unsaid: Learning to live life without regret

By Nolan Stout
Staff Writer

For 20 years, my family has been one of the most important parts of my life. Of that family, my maternal grandparents were one of the biggest influences in my childhood. Growing up, and now more than ever, we have been a tight-knit family that has stayed close together. My sister and I, my parents and my grandparents did nearly everything together. Like clockwork, even now I know I need to be ready for lunch at noon and supper at 5 p.m. and we'll be together. We go to basketball, hockey and football games, family trips, and spend as much time together as possible.

However, this past year has tested that family bond more than ever before and put us through the most difficult times we have ever faced.

On the night of Oct. 10, as we all sat by his bedside as we had for ten months, I lost one of the most important people in my life to a terrible disease.

Harold Hart, my grandfather, passed away that night, and everything I never got to say went unsaid. In the moment he passed, I realized how much I should have cherished the little time I had with him. I should have appreciated him and everything he did for me more. I should have told him more often that I loved him.

When "Dopsie," as I called my grandfather, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia at the end of December 2012, it never really occurred to me just how serious the situation was. I thought he could overcome anything and this would be just another bump in the road. Unfortunately, I was mistaken.

I was in Pennsylvania visiting my girlfriend at the time my mom called and told me the terrible news. I had only been away from home a week, how could this have happened so fast? We had just gone to our first Carolina Panthers game and he was perfectly fine, how could he be so deathly sick so suddenly?

My hometown is Siler City, NC. It's a tiny town about 40 miles southeast of High Point, NC. My grandfather was a big part of the town. He owned and operated Hart Furniture, which his parents founded, expanded it and had friends and connections not just statewide, but across the world.

Yet, despite his busy life, family was most important to him. Growing up, his house was a second home to me. I spent a lot of time at my grandparents' house because they spoiled me. They bought me whatever toys I wanted, let me stay up later, traveled places with me and doted over me, as many grandparents do.

In elementary school, my grandmother would pick me up from school and take me to the business where I would play around the warehouse and my grandfather's office.

I spent so much time at the warehouse that I practically had my own room. Near the back of the building there was a room that went unused for years. It had a desk in it so as a child I started playing there and converted it to my own "office."

The time I spent at the warehouse was made even more special because my grandfather loved to show me off. Whenever businessmen would come to talk, he would always call me in and introduce me to them.

He was also a big sports fan and loved the NC State Wolfpack. He got me hooked on sports in middle school and that pushed me to want to become a sports writer. Through all the sporting events we attended and the presence of sports in many parts of my life, I grew to incorporate sports into the fabric of my life and thus began to pursue journalism.

Throughout those younger years of my life, he taught me how integrity and generosity would go far in life. He would always be helping people out, welcoming everyone and making friends with people he had never met before. My grandfather was one of those people that could go somewhere that he knew no one, and come out knowing everyone.

My whole life, though it pains me to admit it, I took my grandfather for granted. I was not naïve enough to believe he would always be here, but he had never been sick and was such a strong man that I thought I'd have him for another 20 years at the least. Because of that, I never really told him I loved him as much as I should; how much I appreciated everything he had done for me, and how important he was to me.

When the doctors told him he had a few days to weeks to live, I was devastated.

My mom told my sister and I that if we had anything we needed to say to him, she would leave us alone to talk with him. I thought it would be easy to tell him everything I needed to say, but I was wrong.

Fighting back tears, I could only muster a babbling "you know how much I love you," and "I'm sorry I never showed it as much as I should have."

He, on the other hand, was able to reassure me everything would be okay, he loved me, and he wanted me to have a good life. It was one of the only times I had ever seen him cry.

When I left the room, I knew I hadn't said everything I needed to say. My mom told me I should write a letter and it would be easier to say all I needed. So I wrote one, but was unable to physically read it. My mom had to read it for me because I could not hold myself together well enough to read it.

In that moment, I learned that you need to cherish the time you have with the people you love and let them know how much you appreciate them. In those final moments, don't be forced to scramble for the words to let someone know how much you appreciate and love them. This life is precious and we don't need to forget that.

It's hard to accept that I'll never see my grandfather again. He won't be there when I graduate college. He won't be there when I finally get a job. He won't be at my wedding. He'll never get to meet his great grandchildren. We shared so many special moments, but it seems cruel that he was taken away just as many more important moments were coming up. I miss my grandfather so much. There are days that are harder than others, where you regret more, miss him more and

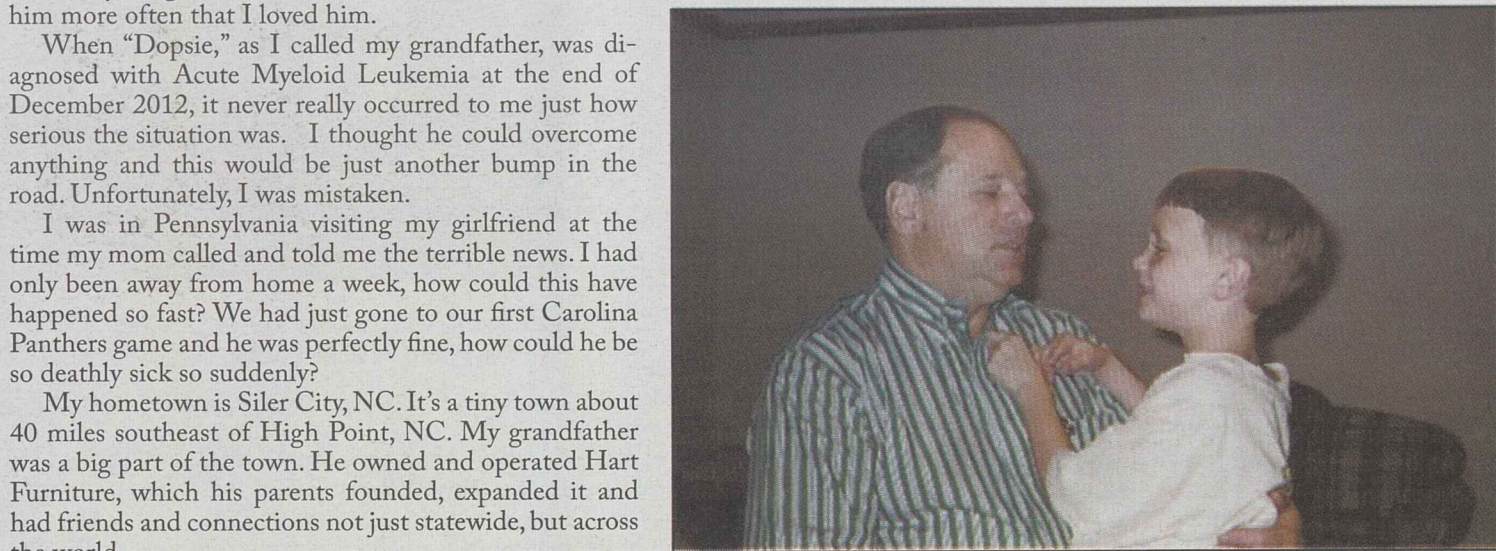


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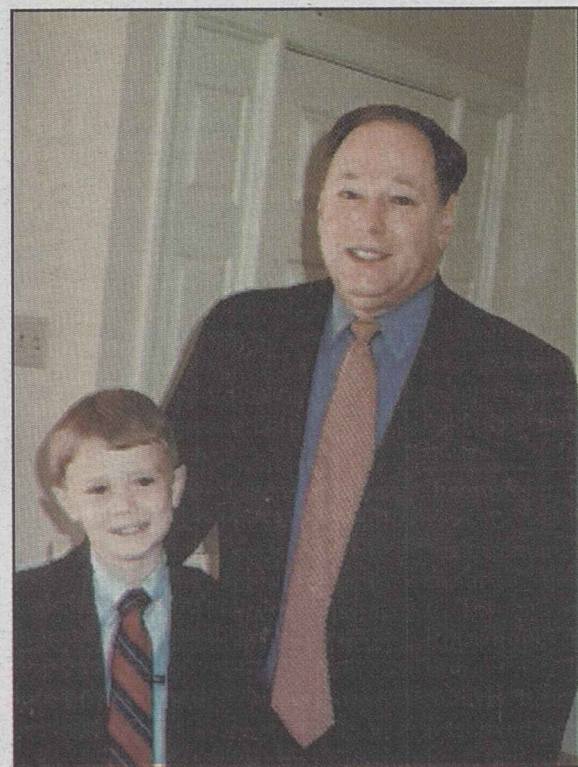


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feel much sadder.

You're always going to have regrets and feel like you didn't spend enough time with people or tell them what you needed to tell them. But, if you make an effort to constantly remind those you love how much they mean to you and spend as much quality time with them as you can, you won't have as many regrets when they pass.

We're all going to pass someday, but if you cherish the limited time you have with the people you love now, you won't regret it so much when they're gone.

Organizations

Odyssey Club pushes honors students to excel beyond the classroom

By Liz Reichart
Staff Writer

The Odyssey Club, though puzzling in name at first glance, is in fact a collection of honor students dedicated to intellectual pursuits beyond the confines of the classroom walls.

Created as a means for socialization among the honors community, High Point University's Odyssey Club is far more than just a club for students with a grade point average requirement. Students with the upmost dedication to academia participate in enjoyable team building outings and historical sight seeing.

The club's advisor and Director of the Honors Program, Dr. Mark Toole, weighed in on the importance of the club.

"The Odyssey Club as the co-curricular side of the Honors Scholar Program in the sense that it's meant to be a student-run club," says Toole. "It's meant to enhance and enrich the curricular side of what the Honors Program is about."

This holiday season, the Odyssey Club is bringing scholars together to celebrate the season. The club came together the weekend before Thanksgiving vacation to not only share in a feast, but to share in the joys charity brings. Each member attending the Odyssey Club Thanksgiving dinner was required to bring a canned food item for donation to a local soup kitchen.

"The Odyssey Club does lots of different events just to give the honors kids something fun, and to encourage a balance between academics and social events," says club President, Olivia French, of their year-round activities.

Last year, the club visited Savannah, Ga. and toured several plantations. The Odyssey Club plans to visit Williamsburg, Va. this spring to take in the notable sights that marked momentous periods in history, including the site of the Jamestown Settlement, Colonial Williamsburg, and Historic Yorktown, all preserved from the 18th century.

"We go on a weekend trip every spring, and I've never been to Williamsburg before so it should be an adventure!" says French of the up coming outing. Past day trips have included the Civil Rights museum in Greensboro, and most recently, a hiking trip to Hanging Rock State in Danbury, N.C.

These events are more than just fleeting fun times. Composed of both an executive board and freshman council, the club puts great emphasis on the input of all members.

"There's also all sorts of fun things involved: pizza parties and ice cream parties and traveling to Scarowinds and riding the roller coasters. But then it's also a way, I think, to build community. When we think of the Honors Scholar program, we think of it as a



Members of the HPU Odyssey Club after a potluck dinner. Photo by Allie Dearie

learning community as well. It's great way for students to get to know one another so that as they're moving through the program academically, they can also come to rely on one another as friends, as colleagues and as co-scholars. It's meant to be that other outlet, to be an enhancement of what we do in the classroom," said Dr. Toole.

The Odyssey Club will continue to offer honors students a strong sense of community and unique opportunities beyond of the borders of the syllabus.

Kappa Alpha Order welcomed as sixth fraternity at High Point University

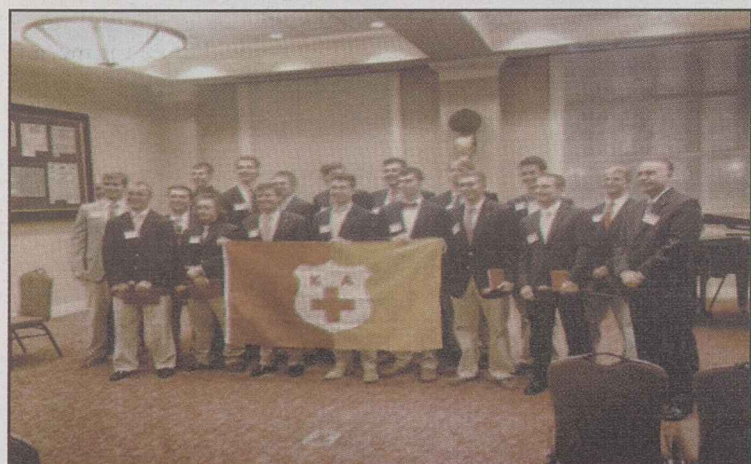
By Savannah Simons
Organizations Editor

On October 22, an induction ceremony was held to welcome the newest fraternity to High Point University's Greek life, Kappa Alpha Order.

Founded on December 21, 1985 at Washington College, now known as Washington and Lee University, in Lexington, V.A., Kappa Alpha Order combats muscular dystrophy through the support of their national philanthropy, The Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Kappa Alpha Order received an invitation from the Interfraternity Council at High Point University after they opened for expansion. IFC received over 20 packets from

fraternities interested in opening a chapter at High Point University. IFC narrowed down their candidates and selected four fraternities to visit campus and give presentations. IFC, which is completely student driven and student-led, chose Beta Theta Pi and Kappa Alpha Order to colonize at High Point University to expand the Greek community.



Kappa Alpha Order members on initiation night. Photo by John Pattillo

IFC selected fraternities based on a criteria in order to achieve a successful colonization, taking into consideration the number of chapters in the country as well as the number of alumni in the area. Kappa Alpha Order has a strong network of alumni in the area, with thousands within a 50-mile radius.

By the end of the year, Kappa Alpha Order hopes to have 40 members in their chapter, which is close to the average chapter size of the fraternities on campus. Kappa Alpha Order will also join the Greek Village community next fall by taking residency at 710 Greek Circle.

Kappa Alpha Order will be participating in formal recruitment in 2014 from January 21 through January 25.

For any questions regarding Kappa Alpha Order or IFC recruitment, please contact greek@highpoint.edu or visit www.highpoint.edu/greeklife.

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on your finals, and safe travels
as you head home to your families.
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Organizations

Outdoor Discovery strives to connect students through nature-centered activities

By Jason Lucarelli
Staff Writer

Are you ever flipping through the channels on television and stumble across Les Stroud on Discovery's "Survivorman" and think you could do that?

Maybe you're reading Thoreau's masterpiece "Walden" and decide you're done with college and want to begin your life of solitude in the wild tonight.

Or, maybe you just want to turn off your iPhone (yes, they do have a power off function) and entertain the idea that your life shouldn't be limited to 140 characters, and enjoy uninterrupted tranquility of the outdoors for a day.

While living within the gates of High Point University, it can sometimes be easy to forget that we live in a state littered with majestic natural beauty just a car ride away. The Outdoor Discovery Center is here to help you remember.

While it is not officially recognized as a club at the moment, due to loss of interest over the past few years, they still have the essential equipment required to have a fun-filled experience in the wilderness available at your disposal.

"A lot of students here don't take advantage of their surroundings in North Carolina and that's something I'd love to see people start to do," said Austin Wilson, the Coordinator of Recreation Services at High Point University.

A student-favorite is the Outdoor Discovery Center ropes course, an obstacle course that students can participate in as a group. The ropes course forces your teamwork skills, as well as giving students a chance to taste success or learn from failure.

"The Outdoor Discovery Center is the biggest resource now for those who enjoy the

outdoors," said Wilson.

This is a chance for many of us to leave our comfort zone and try something new, and once you start exploring, you might discover a hidden passion you never knew you possessed.

In the past, there have been an array of adventures offered through the center: Ski trips, day hiking, backpacking, fly-fishing, white water rafting and even workshop days to prepare your bikes for mountain biking expeditions.

In the near future, Wilson says he would like to lead day hikes and backpacking trips while we are still in the center of the beautiful transitional season of fall, perhaps to celebrate North Carolina landmarks such as Hanging Rock or Pilot Mountain.

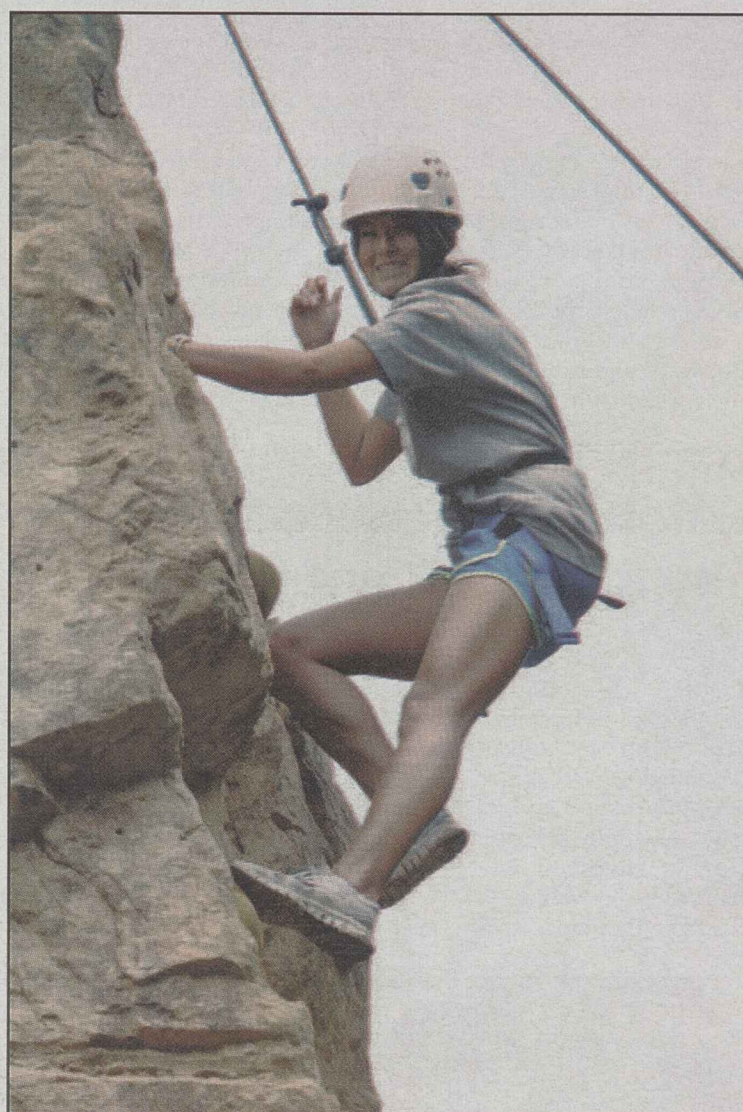
The sky is the limit when it comes to the possibilities of what students could do if they express interest in these activities. Wilson says he would love for a ski and snowboarding trip to take place next semester, possibly somewhere in West Virginia where there is more powder than ice.

Whether you want to meet new people while hiking and exploring the wild, or spend a night roasting marshmallows around a fire, the Outdoor Discovery Center has it all: sleeping bags, tents, sleeping mats, pots, pans, fire material, bikes and even transportation. The only thing you need to provide is a sense of adventure.

If interested in any of these activities or planning a new one, contact Austin Wilson at awilson0@highpoint.edu.



Students take part in some of the amenities that the outdoor adventure program has to offer. Photos by Allie Dearie



HPU's Ski and Snowboard Club planning trips to popular ski and snowboard resorts

By Savannah Simons
Organizations Editor

If you have a love for snow, outdoor activities and winter sports, the High Point University Ski and Snowboard Club is a great on-campus organization to join and pursue your hobby. Since October of last year, the HPU Ski and Snowboard Club has nearly 90 members on the Facebook page, with the hopes of expansion to provide more day trips and events.

Matthew Gahrman, a sophomore at HPU, founded the HPU Ski and Snowboard Club during his freshman year.

"Snowboarding in particular has been a passion of mine since the age of 12," said Gahrman. "When I came to High Point and there wasn't a Ski Club, I decided to start the club and it has grown enormously, especially this year."

Gahrman has high hopes for the club, with regularly planned meetings during the winter months, a fundraising committee, several planned day-trips for the upcoming spring semester and hopes to plan weekend-long trips in the coming years. Planned day trips include traveling to Beech Mountain, Catalooche Mountain, Wintergreen Mountain and Sugar Mountain.

The first day trip is planned for January 25 to visit Beech Mountain, located in North Carolina. If interested in attending the trip, or want to be added to the email list, contact Matthew Gahrman at gahrmm12@highpoint.edu.

Any student is welcome to become a member of the HPU Ski and Snowboard Club, regardless of skill level. Interested students may also receive updates and reminders by joining the Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/hpuskiclub.



Founder and president of HPU's Ski and Snowboard Club, Matthew Gahrman, participating at Shred for the Cup Big Air competition at Appalachian Mountain. Photo from Matthew Gahrman

Sports

Strong end to fall seasons for men's and women's XC, track

By Henry Molski
Sports Editor

After the Big South Conference Championship at the Vista Lakes Golf Course in Buena Vista, Va., the High Point University men's cross country team finished second overall behind Liberty.

The women also had a strong fourth place finish.

At the big meet, the HPU men's squad had the individual champion, senior Patrick Crawford, and also the meet runner-up, sophomore Jeff LaCoste.

The Panthers placed second with 48 points, which was just off nine-time defending champ Liberty's 40. Liberty

has been one of the nation's strongest programs.

Other big men's finishes included Grandinali placing twelfth in 26:55.42 and junior Reece Ayers placing fourteenth in 27:06.53. Ayers was also named to the Big South All-Academic team.

Junior Chris Colo was HPU's fifth finisher in 27:17.36. Also, sophomore Benji Szalai placed twenty-second in 27:22.47 while sophomore Kevin Maguire placed twenty-seventh in 27:38.62.

The women's team placed fourth with the lead High Point runner, Kayleigh Perry finishing eighth. She earned her third All-Conference honor with this finish. Coastal Carolina won the meet while Liberty and UNC Asheville were also ahead of High Point.

Freshman Cozette Collin placed thirteenth and freshman Natalie Ocasio finished fifteenth. Other High Point finishers were senior Audrey Malloy in twenty-third, sophomore Erika Peoples placing twenty-fourth, junior Krista Willard placing twenty-seventh and sophomore Katie Farina finishing thirty-fifth.

Katie Farina earned Big South All-Academic team honors as well.

"These are some of the top finishes in conference play among High Point sports this fall," said Nate Thiesfeld, assistant track and field coach.

With such a strong finish on the year for HPU track, the future of the program looks very bright.

Commentary: Have fantasy sports fans crossed the line?

By Henry Molski
Sports Editor

In recent weeks, fantasy sports have taken to the front pages for all of the wrong reasons. Numerous players have been threatened via social media and we have had numerous high profile athletes speak out publicly about their displeasure with fantasy sports.

The most recent athlete to speak out was New York Giants running back Brandon

Jacobs. Jacobs was recently threatened by one crazed fantasy player, via twitter, for his poor performance and had plenty to say about the craze that is fantasy sports.

"To the people that take it too serious, us as football players don't owe you nothing. It's up to you manage your team the way you want to manage it," Jacobs angrily said. "The only owners and general managers I owe anything to is Jerry Reese, the Mara and Tisch family. Everybody else, I don't concern myself with."

Jacobs had every right to be angry as the "fantasy-nut" who threatened him also threatened his family. Once upon a time, fantasy sports were just an extra way of enjoying the game we all loved. Now it is turning into a business and one that is headed down the wrong path.



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Being a general manager for your favorite sports franchise may sound like the ultimate dream job. However, as most fantasy sports owners have found out, it can be one of great stress and responsibility.

Fantasy sports have taken the sports world by storm over the past decade and it is a phenomenon that does not seem to be losing any steam. Whether its baseball, football, basketball or even golf, many are itching to get themselves involved with a league.

Fantasy football trumps all of the other sports in terms of fan involvement and rightfully so. The NFL is by far the most popular sporting league in this country. According to Forbes magazine, it is estimated that approximately 32 million people in North America are involved in at least one fantasy football league.

With so many people itching to play, the competitiveness of these leagues can range anywhere from a fun bragging rights league with your buddies, to leagues that have six figure payouts to their winner.

It is no secret that fantasy football has become more than just a game, but rather another form of betting on sports. This begs the question: have fantasy sports come too far and become more than what they should be? Fantasy sports should be a fun way for fans to become a virtual general manager.

Ravens running back Ray Rice was all for fantasy football before this season, but once injuries caused his performance to slip, his opinion of the game completely changed.

"I was a fan of fantasy football until today, but so many spiteful and hateful words," Rice wrote via twitter.

Betting on sports has long been frowned upon in this country. We have seen numerous states try to implement laws to legalize sports betting, but most of the proposed legislations have been shut down.

Currently the only legal place (in the US) to wager on sports is in Las Vegas, and there is obviously a reason that is the case. Betting on sports and gambling in general are nasty habits, ones that lead people towards violence and other crimes. We as a society see gambling and sports betting as a practice that will only lead to bad things.

Fantasy football and fantasy sports are unfortunately providing another way for people to easily bet on sports. For most people, fantasy sports are just a fun way to get more involved with the sports they love, but for some it has become much more.

We now see shows dedicated to helping people win their leagues, and we see experts being paid to dissect players' "fantasy values." Fantasy sports have become a business and a scary one at that.

If something is not done to control the growth of fantasy sports, something much more than just a threat on social media will occur.

This coming May, the Campus Chronicle will be saying goodbye to several students in editor positions. We are looking for dedicated staff writers to fill those spots, which means now is the perfect time to join the newspaper.

If you love writing or would like to get a byline in the paper, we would love to have you on our staff. We are also looking for photographers for news and sports.

If you would like more information on how to become a writer or a photographer, please email: news@high-point.edu

Sports

2013-2014: A Season to Remember

Photography by Cristy Hernandez
Staff Photographer



John Brown is showing early signs that he is ready to lead the Panthers to the NCAA tournament.

Are you staying in the HPU area for the holidays? Make sure to come out and cheer on your men and women basketball teams over break! Both teams have two home games over the holidays and could use your support going in to the 2014 year.

Men's Basketball

12/14/13 - James Madison at 7:00 p.m.

1/3/14 - Lees-McRae at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

12/6/13 - Longwood at 7:00 p.m.

12/30/13 - Liberty at 7:00 p.m.

***Remember that all home games are able to be streamed online no matter where you are from www.highpointpanthers.com*



Lorenzo Cugini may be an unfamiliar name to new Panthers fans, but will play an important role in 2013-14.



The learning curve of redshirt-freshman Cliff Cornish will be closely monitored by head coach Scott Cherry throughout the rush for a Big South Title.



Dejuan McGaughy led the 2013-2014 Panthers in three-point baskets with 24. He also led in three-point percentage, making 42.1 percent of his shots last season.



Adam Weary will bring his experience and talent to the Panther team at guard after being selected as a Big South All-Freshman last season.