

Faculty/Staff

As High Point University says farewell to three beloved faculty members, it's poignant to note that their combined years of service would stretch back almost to the very first days of High Point College. These wonderful educators have given students a lifetime of service, and we wish them well and thank them for their dedication to High Point University.

Dr. Susan Mott Linkler

Associate Professor of Spanish Dr. Susan Linkler had been with High Point University since 1989. She served not only as a professor of all levels of Spanish, but also as academic advisor to our international students and students studying in Seville, Spain.

In addition to Spanish, Dr. Linkler also taught courses on Hispanic culture and literature, an interdisciplinary course on 20th century Spanish-American politics and literature and English as a second language. She conducted several workshops abroad on teaching English as a foreign language and participat-

ed in a teaching exchange with a university in Argentina.

Dr. Linkler has published a variety of articles and papers, and participated in a number of conferences and forums. In 1994, she was the recipient of the Meredith Clark Slane Distinguished Teaching and Service Award.

Dr. Linkler is also active in the community, having served as a volunteer interpreter in Spanish for High Point Regional Hospital and as a tutor with Communities in Schools.



"Dr. Linker is an outstanding teacher, whose professionalism and dedication are the benchmark for all of us in education. She brought a wealth of experience and intellectual acumen to the classroom and to the Modern Foreign Language department. She expected students to do their best and did everything possible to help them achieve their goals. She always responded to a request for help, whether from a student, a colleague or from someone outside the University."

- Carole Head, chair of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages

Dr. Ronald Ramke

Sociology professor and chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences, Dr. Ramke joined High Point University in 1985. He taught a variety of classes in sociology and anthropology, as well as self, society and moral decision-making, the family, and Mayan culture and civilization.

Since his arrival, Dr. Ramke was involved with a variety of university posts including chairing the educational policies committee, serving on the faculty council, and serving on several committees, including college planning and review, Fulbright scholarship, international studies, substance abuse,

graduate planning and communications committees. Dr. Ramke also served as the advisor to Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and the student honor code committee.

Dr. Ramke conducted a variety of research and consulting projects, published papers, presented at conferences and worked abroad. He is a member of the American Sociological and Southern Sociological associations, Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society and the Population Reference Bureau.



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- David Bergen, chair, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Human Services

Dr. Fred T. Yeats

Dr. Yeats came to High Point University in 1969 and left as chair of the Department of Biology and a professor of biology. He served on the faculty affairs, honors, executive, admissions, library, professional development, tenure and promotion, and cultural program committees, as well as the academic assessment advisory board. In addition, Dr. Yeats served as faculty secretary for 10 years and on three dean search committees, two of which as chair.

Dr. Yeats taught all levels of biology, including senior seminar and senior research courses. He also served as a faculty advisor for a number of students each

year, from freshmen to seniors.

Dr. Yeats has presented a number of papers and participated in a variety of continuing education opportunities. He is a member and active participant of many professional organizations including the American Institute of Biological Science, the Association of Southeastern Biologists, Sigma XI Research Society and the North Carolina Academy of Science. He is the co-director of Student Academy of Sciences District 4, and is responsible for organizing and hosting district meetings each year. ■



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Religion Professor Editor of Journal of World Christianity

Dr. Akintunde Akinade, associate professor of religion, has been selected as the book review editor for the new Journal of World Christianity.

"I am very excited about this project," he said. "It will provide me with the unique opportunity to work with scholars from all over the world on issues that are germane to a polycentric understanding of global Christianity."

As book review editor, Akinade will be responsible for identifying important books within the various areas of world Christianity, arranging for their critical review and editing the reviews. The Journal of World Christianity is a new publication made possible through a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, and will be published by Walter de Gruyter Press. The editorial office for the journal is housed at the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard Divinity School. The first volume was published in November. ■



Professor Named Editor-in-Chief of Consortium's Publication

History Professor Frederick C. Schneid was named editor in chief of "Selected Papers of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850."

The publication is a refereed serial published annually by the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era containing selected papers presented at the consortium's conference each year.

Schneid is responsible for the editing and layout of each volume. Five High Point University students serve as his editorial staff: Elizabeth Imhoff, Amanda Roberts, Rebecca Fleming, Elizabeth Perry and Ali Wassell. Brittany Bingham serves as layout editor.

"This is a prestigious publication, recognized in the field, and is a clear example of the university's academic reputation," says Schneid. ■



“Fast Fashion” Helps Teach Economics

Dr. Stephanie Crofton, assistant professor of economics, delved into the glamorous world of fashion for a paper she presented at the annual conference of the Economic and Business Historical Society recently in Pittsburgh.

The paper, “Zara and the Birth of Fast Fashion,” was co-authored with Dr. Luis Dopico of Macrometrix and presented Zara and its unique business model.

“Attending EBHS conferences allows me to stay up-to-date with practitioners in my field and to bring this knowledge back to my students throughout



my economics classes,” said Crofton. “I chose this topic because I am interested in how entrepreneurs constantly launch new and unique business models that, if they satisfy customer demands, can revolutionize

entire industries, as Zara has done for the fashion industry.”

Over the last few decades, Zara has grown from a small company in rural Spain into the second largest fashion company in the world. Zara has abandoned the fashion industry’s traditional emphasis on star designers, seasonal fashions, heavy advertising and outsourcing to East Asian countries. Instead, Zara employs in-house designers who constantly adapt their creations to changing customer demands, largely avoids advertising and concentrates its manufacturing in Spain. ■

James Dunham Receives Distinguished Teaching-Service Award

A highly anticipated tradition at HPU commencement is the moment when the recipient of the university’s top honor is announced — the Meredith Clark Slane Distinguished Teaching-Service Award. This year was no exception as the award created to recognize excellence among faculty was bestowed upon business administration instructor James S. Dunham.

“At High Point University, Jim Dunham has simply been outstanding,” said Vance Davis, former Vice President of Academic

Affairs, when he presented the award to Dunham. “Student-centered to the core, he is universally loved and respected, and is sought after for counsel and advice by students and faculty alike.”

“I am extremely grateful for the honor of being chosen as the distinguished teacher,” said Dunham. “High Point University is an important part of my life and it is a pleasure to be counted among the teachers at this extraordinary institution.”

Dunham has been with High Point University since the spring



of 1986. He is the faculty advisor for the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity. He was selected Outstanding Faculty Member by Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority in 2001 and 2004. ■

HPU Staff Member Speaks at National Convention

Chad Hartman, Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Marketing, was invited to speak at the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators Convention in New Orleans in June.

Hartman spoke at the session entitled “New Revenue Generating Ideas,” and discussed how to generate new revenue for athletic departments with creative sponsorship ideas for corporate partners.

Universities from across the nationwide were in attendance.

“The NACMA Convention allows athletic marketing professionals the ability to work together,” said Hartman. “I felt very fortunate to represent High Point University and the athletic department.”

Hartman, an HPU alumnus, is in his third year working at the university. ■



Technology in Politics Amazes HPU Professor

Jim Corey, assistant professor of political science, has a whole new perspective on politics, and plans to pass his new-found knowledge on to his students.

As a Guilford County delegate at the Republican Party state convention in New Bern in June, Corey discovered what a huge impact technology plays on the political process.

"One overriding impression from the convention is the rapid advance of technology in politics, which is largely out of the public eye," said Corey. "My message to my students will be: Embrace technology in every aspect of your life. Its application will have a major impact in your future life,

regardless of your profession. Do not consider technology a threat, but rather an opportunity to build life skills."

Corey said the GOP has a massive database of registered voters and that their software programs enable them to cross-reference voters by how often they vote, how they vote early, absentee or on election day, memberships in affiliated or coalition groups and more. From this list, they can customize telephone call lists or door-to-door walking lists at the precinct level.

"This is an incredible advance in political campaigning," he said. "What this technology does is to carefully target potential voters with a very targeted message." ■



Love in Evening Degree

Gena Benson, a 2004 graduate of HPU's Evening Degree program and the Documents Manager in the University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions, didn't realize she was going to get more than a degree when she entered the EDP program in August 2000. But when she graduated in 2004, she left with a degree, a future husband and the promise of a bigger family.

Kevin Parnell, also a 2004 graduate, and Gena met during their first semester of classes at HPU, and in June 2005, Kevin proposed on a swing behind Roberts Hall. The couple married on October 14, 2005. Together, the couple has 6 children, and for the recession at their wedding, played the theme from "The Brady Bunch."

"People were expecting the traditional wedding recessional," says Gena. "When the Brady Bunch music started playing, you could see that people were a little confused. Then, they starting getting the point, and the whole church was soon giggling. It was a great moment."

And about that swing, when it was removed to make room for the new Slane Student Center, a sentimental Dr. Qubein gifted the swing to the couple.

Kevin, who is a Parks Manager with the City of High Point, says, "HPU has been a special part of our relationship, and it always will be."

Taking those words literally, Kevin had a tattoo of the HPU athletics panther logo permanently placed on his shoulder. "Like this tattoo," he says, "High Point will always be part of me ... and of us." ■



EDP Staff Member Selected Administrative Professional of the Year



It was no surprise to anyone in the Evening Degree Program when Sharyn Carpenter, coordinator of High Point Operations for the EDP, was selected as the Administrative Professional Assistant of the Year. The Triad event, hosted by the local YWCA, is held annually to honor administrative professional assistants and highlight their importance within the workplace.

"Sharyn is so deserving of this award," said Gail Tuttle, Dean of the EDP. "We nominated her because we wanted to honor her and pay tribute to her great commitment and hard work for the university. Overall, Sharyn's greatest attribute is her caring nature, positive attitude and impeccable work ethic. We are fortunate to have her in our university community."

Carpenter began her career at HPU in January 1990 as part-time secretary for the biology, chemistry, history and modern foreign language departments. She was hired to her current post in August 1991. ■

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Professor Selected as Vocal Coach at Inaugural London Choral Festival

In a high honor, Associate Professor of Fine Arts Dr. Alexa Schlimmer recently learned that she has been selected as the vocal professor from the United States for the inaugural London Choral Festival to be held in December 2007.

The London Mayors' Association, which hosts the festival, is inviting only eight choirs from the United States and two vocal professors. Dr. Alexa Schlimmer will serve as the vocal coach and will have an assistant, whom she will choose.

"To be chosen to participate in this festival and be able to

work with the choirs involved as well as sing and travel to London is an unbelievable honor," said Schlimmer.

While there, Schlimmer will be working with each of the eight choirs on proper vocal technique. The groups have performances at a variety of venues across the country, including St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Cathedral. Two of the concerts will feature world renowned English conductors Sir Malcolm Archer and Sir John Rutter. Schlimmer will also give a seminar on Americans studying in London at the



Royal College of Music and speak at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden. ■

Professor on a Mission

Jane Stephens' mission to raise awareness of the 13 million AIDS orphans in Africa is getting noticed.

In March, the assistant professor of English and her husband, Chad, were awarded for

Winston-Salem that raises money for New Life Home orphanages in Kenya. The couple received the 2006 Human Relations Award at the Winston-Salem Chronicle Awards Banquet.

"We have been amazed and touched by the enormous response of the Triad community to our work at Amani, and were of course, humbled to have been honored alongside so many great Winston-Salem community leaders," said Stephens.

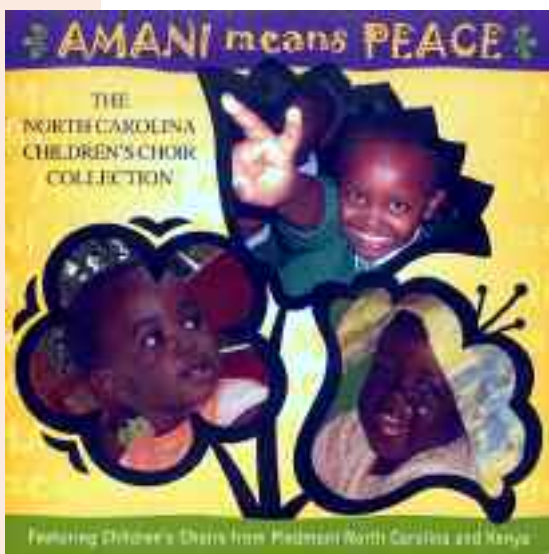
Two weeks prior to receiving that award, Stephens received the Delta Sigma Theta Founders Day award for International Service. She was given five awards in the areas of community service, education, leadership, economic development and international service.

Most recently, the Amani Children's Foundation released a cd entitled, *Amani Means Peace: the North Carolina Children's Collection*. This cd is a unique collec-



tion of arrangements by 25 children's choirs from across the Triad with a moving introduction by poet Maya Angelou. This project was developed and coordinated by faculty and students from High Point University and Wake Forest University. All proceeds will go to care for orphaned children in Africa.

To order a copy of this wonderful collection, go to www.amanimeanspeace.org. ■



their work establishing the Amani Children's Foundation, a non-profit organization based in

Staff Members Make Up Advisory Committee at Forsyth Tech

In a resounding reinforcement of HPU's commitment to serve its students, including those transferring from community colleges, Gail Tuttle, dean of the Evening Degree Program, and Renee Rogers, coordinator of graduate administrative services, were chosen as members of the Business Administration Advisory Committee at Forsyth Technical Community College for the

next two years.

In this capacity, they will help evaluate curriculum and review programs and foster community relations.

"We are appreciative and supportive of what the community college provides to the Triad," said Tuttle. "We value our partnership with Forsyth Technical Community College and the 26 articulation agreements that allow students to transfer to our

university with an associate's degree."

"Being asked to serve was an honor," said Rogers. "I hope to be able to effect change and improve the community college program so students are better prepared to transfer into a four-year institution and further their education." ■



Gail Tuttle and Renee Rogers

History Professor Publishes Book

History Professor Dr. James Stitt has published his first book, *Joint Industrial Councils in British History: Inception, Adoption, and Utilization, 1917-1939.*

The book, published by Praeger, a division of Greenwood Publishing Group, is a study of how a WWI proposal for "permanent improvement" in labor-management relations came about, why the target industries ignored it and how it found a purpose in the second-tier industries, for which it was not origi-

nally intended.

"Most of the research for this book was completed in England during a sabbatical, and I am grateful to the trustees of High Point University for the funding," said Stitt. "This study is the first thorough examination of the importance of Joint Industrial Councils to British industry, and it was a joy to research."

Stitt was also unanimously elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Economic and Business Historical Society. The Economic and Business Histori-



cal Society (EBHS), established in 1975, promotes economic and business historical research and teaching at annual conferences where scholars open their research for discussion. ■

Conference Sheds Light on Serving Students



Evening Degree Program Dean Gail Tuttle gained insight into the student experience while serving as a panelist and team chair at the Datatel User's Group conference in Washington, D.C.

Tuttle was a panelist for a session titled, "Degree Audit Roundtable: Whether you 'know it' or not, here's your opportunity at DUG 2006 to share your experiences with fellow Degree Audit colleagues." Tuttle was also selected to serve as the co-chair of the Registration CAT (Client Advisory Team).

"Learning new practices and implemen-

tations make the overall student experience efficient and effective," says Tuttle. "The presentations and sessions provided new insights in how to effectively apply functionality to areas such as registration and academic advising. More than 2,000 individuals attend the conference each year, and it is an invaluable tool for networking and learning about new ways to utilize our administrative computing system. Our first priority is the student, and this conference allows us to seek continued excellence in our approach in serving them." ■

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Education Professor Presents at Oxford Round Table Session

High Point University professor of education, Dr. Barbara B. Leonard, was invited to serve as a presenter at the Oxford Round Table session on Science and Faith at Harris Manchester College in the University of Oxford, England in July.

Leonard's presentation, "Science and Faith Conflict in Today's Classroom - Dialogue on Teaching Evolution," examined the compilation of dialogue among science educators across the country on the inclusion of creationism or intelligent design as part of the science curricu-

lum. Among other findings, Leonard says the compilation shows that language and the definition of terms such as religion, science, belief, theory and standards have produced a major part of the conflict of teaching evolution.

"This was an extraordinary opportunity for me," said Leonard. "It served as an occasion for me to bridge the academic issue with the practical applications for my students who are becoming science teachers. It is an honor for High Point University to be represented at this international symposium." ■



Business Professor Panelist at Leadership Summit

Business professor Marlon Winters put his acumen to work as a panelist at the Strategic Human Resource Leadership Summit in Las Vegas.

Winters served as a panelist on two sessions at the conference:

"Building a Partnership with the CEO" and "How to Align Your HR with the Goals of Your CEO and Board." Winters fielded questions and reacted to participants as a panelist and also attended other workshops, as a participant, in a wide variety of human resource topics.

"I found this to be one of the most beneficial conferences I have ever attended, with every topic relevant to the human resource field and wonderful insights shared with HR practitioners from all over the nation," said Winters. "The conference was incredibly valuable, allowing me, an academician, to get involved with some of the senior HR professionals in America." ■



Professor and Students Keep Current at Conference

Always on the cutting edge of her field, associate professor of exercise science, Martie Bell, three of her graduate students and three undergraduate students were invited to present at the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Conference in Salt Lake City.

Bell and three graduate students — Sara Kenney, Kim Conrow and Joe Taureck — made the presentation, "Attitudes Toward Obesity: Perceptions of Parents, Physical Educators, Physicians, Lawmakers and Children." Then that group, plus the three undergraduate students — Matthew Beaver, Patrick Althoff and Rafiq Patterson — presented "Everyone Participates: The Ultimate Flag Game Curriculum."

"This is an extremely important conference in our field and is attended by professionals internationally," said Bell. "We were delighted to have been chosen out of several thousand proposals submitted for this conference." ■



Joe Taureck (from left), Rafiq Patterson, Sara Kenney, Dr. Martie Bell, Kim Conrow, Matthew Beaver and Patrick Althoff at the Exercise Science Conference.

2006 Apogee Reaches Further

Thanks to a push from English Professor Marion Hodge, the 2006 Apogee, a Triad-area literary magazine published last spring, was packed with submissions from the HPU family and area high school students.

Now in its fourth year, Apogee includes poetry, fiction, art, creative non-fiction and non-fiction narratives.

Hodge served as journal's faculty editor for the third year in a row. "I am especially proud to have received submissions from HPU evening degree students for the first time this year."

Under Hodge's leadership, Apogee took on a more professional appearance, featuring color for the first time and a more dramatic layout. HPU student Jennifer Sherman served as art director.

In addition to HPU submissions, the Apogee includes submissions from 24 area high school students who were award winners in HPU's 2005 Phoenix Literary Festival. In the future, Hodge notes, he would like to include short chapters from novels, scenes from film scripts and teleplays, and musical scores by HPU students and professors. ■



Graduate Director Works with Cambodian Nonprofits

David Walker, High Point University's Director for the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program in Nonprofit Organizations, spent part of his summer in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. While there, he conducted an intensive and comprehensive organizational assessment for Open Forum of Cambodia, an organization that provides opportunities and resources to develop skills and insights into policy questions and focuses on information exchanges and communications in order to develop a more democratic society.



This is the first time Walker has been involved in assessing a nonprofit organization in another country. "This was a very exciting and insightful experience for me," said Walker. His final report included 22 recommendations for improvement in areas such as board development, organizational structure and development and others. Walker plans to return to Phnom Penh to conduct training for 50 board members and agency directors this year. ■

HPU Athletics Director Appointed to Division I Championship/Competition Cabinet

Dr. Woody Gibson, Director of High Point University athletics, was recently appointed to the Division I Championship/Competition Cabinet as a representative of the Big South Conference. The cabinet is comprised of 49 members who review and make recommendations on every aspect of championship or competition play in more than 25 sports, including everything from football to women's squash.



"This is a major appointment in Division I," said Dr. Gibson. "It is a huge honor, and it is a lot of work!"

Dr. Gibson has been with High Point University since 1974 and currently teaches a graduate course in intercollegiate athletic administration. He also served on the NCAA Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct Committee from 2001 to 2005, was a member of the NCAA Task Force on Sports Wagering, was a member of the men's soccer regional committee, and served as chair of the Big South Conference Council of Athletics Directors and BSC Board of Administrations.

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High Point University Team Raises \$1,600 for Cancer Research

Cancer affects millions of families, and High Point University's is no exception. Recently, Kim Grissett, secretary to the HPU athletic director and a breast cancer survivor, decided to take action by creating a team of High Point University students, faculty, staff and extended family to participate in the High Point Relay for Life.

Participants walked, jogged and ran through the all-night event, which raised more than \$1,600 for the American Cancer Society in donations.

"Relay for Life gave the HPU Team a great chance for fellowship and remembrance of those we have lost to cancer," said Grissett. "It's a great cause."

The High Point University team included: Kim Grissett

(team captain), Brigitte Arbore, Martie Bell, Jami Coggins, Catey Conner, Joanna Desouza, Wellington Desouza, Stephen Devoid, Beth Anne Devoid, Ashley Faircloth, Candace Faircloth, April Goode, Brandon Grissett, Haylee Grissett, Jeff Grissett, Frankie Gurganus, Chad Hartman, Mindi Hartman, Revon Johnson, Robin Lindsay, Brian Morgan, Isaiah Morgan, Lindsey Morgan, Nancy Pennel, Wayne Pennel, Michelle Rayner, Matt Schooler, Kim



Breast cancer survivors and employees at HPU Frankie Gurganus (left), Kim Grissett, and Nancy Pennell, and Grissett's daughter, Haylee (front), at the Relay for Life.

Soban, Carol Tertzagian, Jerry Tertzagian, Angi Toures, Ryan Tressel, Karen Williams and Jim Zarick. ■

Professors Look to the Heavens at Workshop

High Point University professors Dr. Gray Bowman, Dr. Wid Painter and Dr. Aaron Titus, attended a workshop at Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute (PARI) where they learned how to operate the 4.6-m radio tower nicknamed "Smiley." PARI is a not-for-profit public foundation dedicated to astronomy research and education. ■



Art Professor Exhibits Original Works

Andrea Wheless, HPU Professor of Art, was invited to participate in an art exhibition this fall at the Greensboro Cultural Center, where she displayed three works.

The invitational exhibition was entitled "Celebrating Creative Teaching: Area College, University Artists and Artisans," and was sponsored by the African American Atelier Inc.

Wheless' contributions included "Black is White," a portrait head crafted out of cast hydrocal, and two life-size terra cotta pieces, "Guardian 1" and



"Guardian 2."

"This exhibition is about celebrating the creativity that is available from art faculty from area colleges and universities," Wheless said. ■

New Faculty for the 2006-2007 School Year



Dr. Lisa Horne
Associate Professor of Education



Dr. Maria-Cruz Rodriguez
Assistant Professor of Spanish



Dr. Heather Ahn-Redding
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice



Dr. Jennifer Lukow
Associate Professor of Sport Management



Dr. Joanne Sandberg
Assistant Professor of Sociology



Dr. Seth Carter
Assistant Professor of Psychology



Dr. Emily Nekl
Assistant Professor of Biology

New Staff for the 2006-2007 School Year



Ms. Marjorie Church
Assistant Professor of English



Dr. Barbara O'Neal
Associate Professor of Education



Allison Saviello
Admissions Counselor



Dr. Brian Fulton
Assistant Professor of Mathematics



Ms. Stephanie O. Parsons
Reference Librarian



Adreanna Orlang
Admissions Counselor



Dr. Melanie Fulton
Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics



Mr. Scott Raynor
Assistant Professor of Art



Amy Kaplan
Admissions Counselor

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Laney Morris
Campus Visit
Coordinator,
Admissions



Jordan Derrow
Coordinator of
Student Services,
EDP



**Gretchen
Krumdieck**
Part-time
Assistant
Volleyball Coach,



Teresa Swartz
Part-time
Administrative
Assistant, Home
Furnishings &
Interior Design



Pamela Foxx
Resident
Director,
Blessing Hall,
Student Life



**Shannon
LeFever**
Coordinator of
Chapel
Programs,
Chapel



**Christopher
Shores**
Helpdesk
Coordinator,
Information
Technology



Hillary Cole
Director of
Student
Activities,
Student Life



Alfred Davis
Security Officer



Linda Mae Hill
Administrative
Assistant,
Graduate Studies



Julie Cox
Assistant
Men/Women's
Cross
Country/Track
Coach, Athletics



Daniel Hartley
Security Officer



Page Stroud
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Special Events,
EDP



Katie O'Dell
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Women's
Basketball
Coach, Athletics



Pamela Joyce
Security Officer



**Jenna
Childress**
Assistant
Coordinator of
Registration,
EDP



**Seth
Heitmeyer**
Part-time
Assistant
Director of
Facilities &
Operations,
Athletics



Douglas Davis
Security Officer



Joseph Farabee
Security Officer



Tommy Anderson
Pep Band Director



Latasha Rorie
Assistant to the Administrative Assistant, Security



Chad Christian
Director of Photography Services

New Book Chronicles the Struggles and Victories of Life

Alice Hobson Dudley ('62) and husband, Ambrose Dudley, recently published their first book, *The Loving Caregiver*. The book chronicles the challenges the couple faced during some of the darkest days of their lives ... involving cancer and a serious brain injury ... and how, together, they made it through. It is a story of love, faith and courage.

The *Loving Caregiver* shows how a couple can make it through tragedy with the help of each other, their community and their faith in God.

"We feel we are still here for a reason and that is to help others in similar circumstances. The book offers another way of dealing with life-threatening crises other than asking 'Why me?'," the authors said.

Now retired, Mr. Dudley worked as a bureau chief at the Associated Press in North Carolina; Mrs. Dudley as an elementary school guidance counselor. The couple now resides in Raleigh, North Carolina. This book is available in the HPU bookstore or by contacting the Dudleys at aadudley@att.net.



Alumni Survey: Stay In Touch with Your Alma Mater

You may not be taking classes at High Point University anymore, but you're still a cherished part of the HPU family. Help us keep track of where you live, what you're up to, and what you've done since you graduated by completing the Alumni Survey. Simply go to the HPU Alumni website www.highpoint.edu/alumni, click on the Alumni Survey button, then spend a few minutes reconnecting with your alma mater. We look forward to hearing from you!



Two Staffers Compete in Triathlon

Emily Campbell, a Coordinator of Admissions with HPU's Evening Degree Program, and Dan Tarara, Athletic trainer, recently competed in the Buckner Mission Man Triathlon in Burlington, NC.



The triathlon was a combination of a 750-meter swim, a 15-mile bike ride and a 5K run. Campbell finished with a time of 1:21.56, putting her in 7th place overall among 154 women in the competition. She placed 1st in her age group. Tarara was 230th out of 267 males with a time of 1:47.56. He finished 42nd in his age group.

Shorey Goes to Cardinals in Major League Baseball Draft

Alumnus Mark Shorey ('06) was drafted in the 31st round of the Major League Baseball draft, the 946th pick overall in the draft, by the St. Louis Cardinals. He will be reporting to Johnson City, TN to join the Johnson City Cardinals of the Appalachian League, a short-season rookie affiliate of the major league club.

Shorey is the second player from HPU's head baseball coach Sal Bando's first recruiting class to be drafted. RHP Matt Kniginzky was taken in the 23rd round in 2005 by the Kansas City Royals.

While at HPU, the Peabody, MA native was voted the Co-Player of the Year in the Big South Conference, named a Third Team All-American by Collegiate Baseball and named a



third team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA).

Shorey helped guide the Panthers to their best overall and

conference records (27-32, 14-10) in the program's seven-year NCAA Division I history. He led the league with 20 home runs and also topped the Big South in both slugging percentage (.779) and on-base percentage (.504). Shorey also finished second in the conference with a .408 batting average and fourth in RBI's with 62.

In addition to his team and league-leading totals, Shorey also ranks among the national leaders in slugging percentage (6th), home runs/game (9th) and batting average (15th).

"We are extremely excited for Mark and his family," said Bando. "It's nice to see him being rewarded for all of his hard work. We'll be following him closely and know he'll represent High Point University well." ■

Alumna's Dream Comes True

"Before I die, I want to be in a movie." Her lifelong wish finally came true when 76-year-old retired drama teacher and High Point College alumna Edith Harper Huber ('53) was given a role in the movie "A Dance for Bethany." Filmed in Asheville, NC last summer, this unique film depicts the struggle between idealism and materialism, between money and personal worth.

The opportunity to act in a movie was made possible through Never Too Late, a national nonprofit organization that grants wishes to peo-

ple older than 65, similar to the Make-A-Wish Foundation ... but for seniors. Since Never Too Late was founded in 2000, more than 1,000 wishes have been granted.

Huber learned about Never Too Late while watching a television news feature about an 86-year-old woman whose wish was to ride in a race car at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. That night, she sent an e-mail directly to the organization. Its founder called Phillips' home within five minutes, and the rest is history. Within two weeks, Edith was preparing for her film debut.

Raise the Bar Productions – a film company which has produced films such as Forest Gump and The Hunt for Red October – was thrilled to accommodate the request to include Edith in the film, and a small part was written in especially for her with a few lines for which she will receive screen credit.

When asked what this means to her, Edith was crystal clear. "I didn't care if I was a dead body on 'CSI;' just to have the opportunity to [be on the screen] is a lifelong dream that I never thought possible." ■

Master's Grad Says HPU Helped Turn Dream into Reality

When she started the High Point University's masters program three years ago, the Rev. Nancy McLean had an idea. She wanted to do something about the number of homeless high school students in Guilford County.

"There are more than 164 homeless high school students in Guilford County," says McLean. "Where do they go? Where do they sleep?

Where does a homeless high school student go to do his or her homework?"

These are questions that haunted McLean, so with the help of her HPU professors and fellow students, McLean and her husband founded Joseph's House, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping homeless young adults aged 18 – 21 stay on the right track.

"Joseph's House is a reality today because of all the people I met while at HPU who believed in the vision and in my ability to bring it forth," McLean says. "Each instructor encouraged me to cast aside my fears and launch out into the deep."

McLean said her idea developed and matured thanks to her professors and fellow students.

She did a term project focusing on fundraising strategies for Joseph's House in one class and developed a strategic plan for the non-profit in another. One of her professors introduced her to a professional in her field, which led to McLean writing and receiving a \$7,500 grant. Yet another professor serves on the Joseph's House board of directors.

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McLean's fellow students supported her vision as well. Several volunteered to join the Joseph's House class projects, and a week after graduation two of her former classmates called to remind McLean that they were still committed to helping her put the organization together.

"Ms. Nancy, we can't let you do all this work by yourself. We are committed to helping you finish what you started," McLean recalls fellow student Laura Ryans saying in that phone call.

Today, Joseph's House is a burgeoning non-profit offering shelter, food, clothing, counseling, employment training, substance abuse referrals and much more to the young adults who walk through its doors. In August, the organization held



the grand opening for its first official home for homeless young adults at 2073 East Bessemer Avenue in Greensboro. The facility houses the administrative offices for Joseph's House and serves as a nine-bed transitional facility and drop-in resource center.

"I don't know where Joseph's House would be if I had not come to High Point University," said McLean. "It is almost like my coming to High Point was all a part of God's plan for me and all the young people who will be helped through our services at Joseph's House. I will never know for sure if I would have had the courage to do what I did had I not met my professors and all the students in my classes at High Point. I do know that as a result of my HPU experience, Joseph's House is a reality." ■

*To learn more about Rev. McLean's work, visit www.josephshouse.net

Kniginyzky All-Star in the Midwest League

Former High Point University baseball standout Matt Kniginyzky was recently selected to participate in the Midwest League All-Star game held this past summer in Davenport, Iowa.

Kniginyzky, who pitched for the Panthers from 2003-05, is a member of the Burlington Bees, a single-A affiliate in the Kansas City Royals minor league farm system. He was one of four players

from the Bees selected to the All-Star squad in a vote of the field managers for each of the 14 teams in the league.

Kniginyzky ranks among the Midwest League leaders in wins, innings pitched and strikeouts. ■



HPU Loses Alumnus, Friend

Rev. Bob Williams ('59), longtime friend and supporter of High Point University, passed away on Aug. 6, 2006.

After graduating from High Point College, Williams earned his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. His entire career, which spanned almost 40 years, was spent in education and church ministry. He served as an associate pastor of Emerywood Baptist Church in High Point from 1981-84 and was pastor of High Point's Parkwood Baptist Church from 1984-89. He was also a former professor at Chowan College in Murfreesboro, N.C., and Shaw University in High Point.

He was very involved with High Point University, serving as



Bob Williams ('59), former president of the HPU Alumni Association from 2002-2005, (shown here with his family during the commencement weekend 2005) passed away in August. His friendship will be missed.

Director of Alumni Affairs from 1973-81 and as Alumni Association President from 2002-05.

"Bob Williams was a wonderful friend and alumnus of

High Point University," said President Qubein. "We will always remember him for his dedicated service and support of our university." ■

Alum Honored by State

Clinton Barkdoll ('99) recently received the Outstanding Young Pennsylvanian award from the Pennsylvania Jaycees. Barkdoll was one of only four recipients of the award, which was presented by Catherine Baker Knoll, the lieutenant governor of Penn-



sylvania and former state treasurer. While a student here, Barkdoll was editor of the school newspaper and president of student government. He graduated cum laude and went on to study law at Dickinson School of Law - Pennsylvania State University. He was a reporter for two years with Dow Jones and Co. in Washington, D.C., before returning to his hometown of Waynesboro, PA. He is now a partner in the law firm of Kulla, Barkdoll, Ullman and Painter in Waynesboro, and is an active member of the community.

Congratulations, Clint! ■

Matthews Takes Helm of Major Newspaper

Alumnae Rondra J. Matthews ('77) is taking the publishing world by storm. Recently named president, publisher and chief executive officer for the Baltimore Sun, Matthews literally climbed up the ladder of success and has reached the top rung.

After earning her degree in behavioral science at High Point University, Matthews went on to Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, for her master's in business administration. She began her career with the Orlando Sentinel, working in a variety of departments including human resources, advertising and business development. She moved on to become publisher of the Daily Press in Newport News, VA, where she increased readership in an era when newspaper subscriptions are facing intense competition from online and television media sources. ■



Rowe Furniture Names Alum Salesperson of the Year

Rowe Furniture has announced that Matt Bieberich ('94) has been selected Salesperson of the Year for 2005.

The Salesperson of the Year Award is presented annually to the Rowe Furniture Marketing

Representative who has set new standards for other Rowe representatives and who combines the respect and integrity on which Rowe Furniture is based.

Matt joined the company shortly after his graduation from HPU where he received

his bachelor's degree in Business Marketing. He credits HPU for exposing him to the furniture business through the bi-annual International Home Furnishings Market. He now lives in Northern California. ■

Kilgo Named Top Sales Associate



GEICO, the insurance company that made a talking lizard an American icon, has named High Point University alumnus Jason Kilgo ('00) their top Sales Associate for 2005.

Jason has been part of the GEICO team since 2002 and is now a senior sales agent. He achieved the Chairman's Club Gold Tier status all three years of his employment with GEICO.

"Jason is an extraordinary example of the kind of associate we like to hire," said Dave Pushman, regional vice president of GEICO's Fredericksburg, VA office. "He is hard-working, enthusiastic and really cares about our customers."

Albertson Qualifies for MassMutual's Top Producer Award

The Greensboro Agency – a general agency of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company – has announced that Kevin Albertson ('81) has qualified for MassMutual's Leaders Club. The award is given to the top 10 percent of the 5,000 financial services professionals who represent MassMutual in the United States.

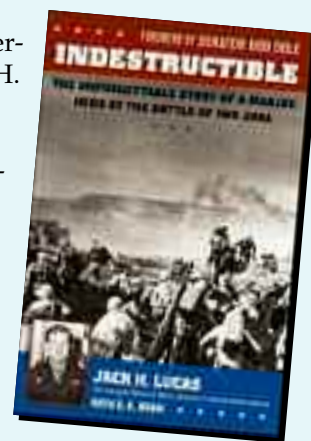
Albertson has been with the agency since May, 1981. He earned his CLU designation in 2002 and is a member of the High Point Estate Planning Council. He currently resides in Archdale, North Carolina. ■



Alum Publishes War Memoir

High Point University alum Jack H. Lucas ('56) recently published a book entitled Indestructible. The book is a memoir of a hero at the battle of Iwo Jima who had to stow away on a troopship to get to the battle. Lucas was the youngest Marine in history to receive the Medal of Honor.

While at HPU, Jack was a member of Delta Omega. ■



Class Notes

■ From the 1960s

Dale Brown ('61) and Betty Gray Dorman Brown ('60) currently live in Connecticut. Dale retired from Taunton Press in Newtown, CT, a highly regarded publisher of specialty magazines. While Betty Gray recently retired from teaching, she remains an involved educator through her work at the CT State Department of Education in Hartford with the Beginning Educator Support Program. The couple has three children and three grandchildren.



Suzanne Booth Bell ('64) received the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award from Ferrum Junior College in Ferrum, VA.

Suzanne and her husband Jim have two daughters, Valerie and Lindsey, and a grandson Chase. Suzanne resides in Vinton, VA.

■ From the 1970s

Mary Lou DiAngelis ('77) graduated from law school in December of 2005 at the Massachusetts School of Law. She took – and passed – the bar exam in February 2006, and will be transitioning from her current job as a flight attendant to a job in the legal field.

Dr. Randy Bledsoe ('78) and his two sons received degrees from East Carolina University on May 6, 2006. Randy, a high school principal at Greene Central High School in Snow Hill, NC, earned his doctoral degree in educational leadership. His dissertation, *An Analysis of Data to Facilitate Student Placement in*

the High School Mathematics Curriculum, was defended April 3, 2006. Dr. Bledsoe also holds a Masters degree and Educational Specialist degree from ECU. Will and John Bledsoe, sons of Randy and Steva Bledsoe, completed their Bachelor of Science degrees in Communications Studies.

■ From the 1980s

Albert H. Seymour ('80) was recently appointed to the Forsyth County Utilities Commission by the Forsyth County Commissioners. Al is a financial advisor in Clemmons, NC for Ameriprise Financial.



Cindy Burbage ('81) and Coy McNeill ('82) were united in marriage on May 20, 2006 in High Point. Dr. Hal

Warlick and Pastor Will Dungee of Greensboro were the officiating ministers for the service in Hayworth Chapel on the HPU campus.

Lisa Creed Hurst ('86) began work on her Master's Degree in English Education in the spring semester of 2006. She is teaching English to alternative education students in Carroll County, VA.

■ From the 1990s

Ryan Andresen ('93) has been promoted to Vice President of Operations for MCO Transport, Inc. in Wilmington, NC. He and his wife Leslie Ann (Whitlock) Andresen now reside in Wilmington.

Sabrina M. Bailey ('93) married David E. Clark on June 10, 2006 in Folly Beach, SC. The cou-

ple will reside in Summerfield, NC. Both work as Assistant Public Defenders in Greensboro, NC.



Julie Moore ('94) has been promoted to the position of Retail Banking Manager with First Citizens Bank in High Point, NC.

Jaime Hayes-LaDuke ('96) has been promoted to the position of Vice President at BB&T Corporation. Hayes-LaDuke, who joined the bank in 1996, is a systems specialist in BB&T's Banking Network Incentive department.



Brian Ersalesi ('97) wed his high school sweetheart Jennifer Mariano on Saturday, May 6, 2006. The wed-

ding ceremony was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Rutherford, NJ. The reception was at Woodcliff Manor in Woodcliff Lake, NJ. The couple now resides in Hawthorne, NJ.

Peter J. Yoder ('99) has been accepted into the PhD Program in Religious Studies at the University of Iowa. Peter began his studies in "Religious Thought and Culture in Early Modern Europe and North America" in the fall of 2006.

Timothy G. Sapp ('99) has been ordained as a Deacon of The Moravian Church, North America. A special service was held on Sunday, February 12, 2006 at Fulp Moravian Church, Walnut Cove, NC for the ordination. He received his Master's of

Divinity in May 2005 from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC and completed his Moravian studies at Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, PA.

■ From the 2000s

Jodi Mears Tolbert ('01) has been promoted to the position of Assistant Vice President at BB&T Corporation. Tolbert, who joined the bank in 1997, is a Training Facilities Manager in the BB&T University.

Ralph White, Jr. ('03) graduated from Wake Forest University Divinity School on May 15, 2006. He earned the Master of Divinity degree.

George Gouge ('03) received a Masters of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University on May 15, 2006.

Philip Brookshire ('04) and **Stacie Goss Brookshire ('03)** were united in marriage on June 24, 2006 at Graylyn Estate in

Winston-Salem, NC. The couple resides in Clemmons, NC.

John H. Jones, III ('05) married Helen E. Pierce on March 17, 2006.

Sheila Poole ('05) has been recently promoted to the position of Project Manager for Filtrona-Greensboro in Greensboro, NC.

Andrea Griffith ('05) resides in Greensboro, NC and works for *Our State* magazine as Assistant Editor.

A Star is Born

Who would have suspected that Brenda Coates, a quiet and unassuming member of the HPU staff for the past five years, would find her way onto millions of television screens across the country?

But that's exactly what happened.

Brenda – the administrative assistant to the HPU office of community relations – was rear-ended in traffic by a Geico customer. Geico treated Brenda so well throughout the process that she was sold on the company, and switched her insurance. After a thank-you note to the Geico customer service department, Brenda got a call ... asking her to be part of an upcoming series of commercials.

Before she could say "Silly Gecko," Brenda was on a plane to Hollywood to film a commercial with legendary composer Burt Bacharach. During the day-long shoot, Brenda was treated like royalty ... a hair & make-up stylist, wardrobe stylist, personal assistant, even a trailer with her name on it.

Says Brenda, "I felt like a celebrity! Everyone treated me like I was the most important person on the set. It was the thrill of a lifetime. And to see my commercial on television is almost too much to believe. Burt Bacharach was so nice."

Currently, the commercial is airing on TNT, the Hallmark network, Animal Planet, CMT, the Discovery Channel, A&E and several local networks.

What's next for super-star celebrity Brenda Coates? "I'm not sure," she says. "But the memories from my 15 minutes of fame will last a lifetime." ■



Brenda Coates (far right), Administrative Assistant in the Office of Community Relations, is seen here with Burt Bacharach (center) who starred with her in a Geico commercial. Watch for Brenda and Burt as part of current series of customer/celebrity commercials. (Seen far left is Brenda's daughter, Jennie.)

Obituaries/Memorials

ALUMNI:

Jewel Hughes Stokes ('27)
Lois Hyman Williams ('31)
Sue Morgan Denny ('32)
Carl M. Smith ('33)
Irma Paschall Crenshaw ('33)
Royce L. Gibbs ('35)
George W. Armfield ('37)
Robert Blair Rankin ('38)
Victoria "Dixie" Snider ('39)
Helen Hunter Brodie ('39)
Olga Marelette Fisher ('39)
Charles Richardson Jarrell ('39)
Doris "Dee" Harris ('40)
Ruth Futrelle Thompson ('40)
James Victor Murchison ('42)
Alice Ruth Auman McKenzie ('43)
Helen Francis Colley Gilliam ('45)
Wanona Rash VanHoy ('45)
Pauline Osborne Coram ('45)
John William Hoyle ('47)
Raleigh A. Hunt ('48)
Donald E. Rollins ('49)
Carolyn H. Ervin ('49)
James Summey Harris, Jr. ('49)
John Durant Crowder, Jr. ('50)
Robert D. Thornton ('50)

Ramona R. Harris ('51)
Dorothy Montgomery Evans ('51)
Dorothy Breeding Baker ('53)
John Mack Underwood, Jr. ('53)
Mary Patterson Jones ('53)
Melvin Kenneth Turner ('53)
Tommie Lou Young Herndon ('54)
Jack B. Powell ('55)
Bert Whitley Westbrook ('55)
Roy Lee Grant ('56)
William Roy Cockerham, Jr. ('57)
Donald Duke Andrews, Sr. ('57)
Kenneth A. Campbell ('58)
A. Roger Furr ('58)
Donald Lloyd Hancock ('58)
Carol Atcheson Donnell ('58)
Ola Mae Underwood Bisher ('58)
Daniel A. Smith ('59)
Bobbie Ray Venable ('59)
Dr. Robert E. Williams ('59)
James Frederick Harris ('60)
Lota Bouldin Parrish ('61)
Nelda Murray Gresham ('62)
W. Zane Daniel ('62)
Charles Edmond Russell ('63)
Norma Jane Overby Lamar ('64)

Thomas E. Hodgkin ('65)
Thomas Gerald Ammons ('70)
Lee J. Tydings ('75)
Edward A. Grandpre ('78)
Penny Brooker Rendle ('91)
Lynn Martin Sherrill ('92)
Lance R. Conner ('92)
Richard Todd Rickman ('01)

FRIENDS:

Robert T. Amos, Jr.
Austin P. Fortney
George L. Simpson
Robert R. Aylmer, Sr.
Lawrence Z. Crockett
Hope Brown Loflin
Thomas E. Dodamead, Jr.
Baker Sterling Wood
Bobbie Geraldine Brawley
John Thomas Keck
Charles Raab
Dwight Thomas Spencer
Winfield "Hutch" Bearce



Saying Goodbye to Honored Trustees

In a ceremony honoring six HPU trustees who have passed away recently, University leaders gathered to present resolutions to their families. Pictured below are Board Chair Marsha Slane and President Qubein presenting resolutions of appreciation.



Robert T. Amos, Trustee of High Point University since 1973, passed away on February 18, 2006. Mr. Amos was involved in many community activities and was named High Point's "Citizen of the Year" and High Point's Chamber of Commerce's "Distinguished Citizen of the Year." Amos will always be remembered as one of High Point's most caring leaders.



Horace "Sonny" Aldridge Sr., Trustee of High Point University, passed away on December 28, 2004. He was a graduate of North Carolina State University. He was the former Director of the High Point Board - First Union National Bank. He was a great asset to High Point University and to his community.



Nancy Lyles, one of the state's most passionate and well-respected female members of many boards, passed away on January 3, 2006. Ms. Lyles was a Trustee at High Point University for many years, as well as a member on the Board of Visitors. She served her community and her church faithfully, and will be remembered as a woman of great passion and love.



Lawrence "Larry" Crockett, Trustee of High Point University, passed away on February 15, 2006. Mr. Crockett was involved in many universities and in the Boy Scouts of America. He graduated from Roanoke College with a B.A. in Economics. He immersed himself in his community and was a great help to many.



Robert Rankin, Trustee of High Point University since 1973, passed away on April 10, 2006. Mr. Rankin was a lifetime resident of High Point and a graduate of High Point University. He was named Alumnus of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin gave many gifts to HPU, including the crystal chandelier in the Hayworth Fine Arts Center.

Not shown: Marsha Slane accepted the resolution on behalf of the family of Pauline Hayworth. Ms. Hayworth was a life trustee and generous benefactor of High Point University. She and her husband Charles were significant contributors to the Hayworth Fine Arts Center, the Hayworth Chapel and many other programs and projects at HPU. She was a strong community leader, and served on many boards. She was an active member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church and the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way of Greater High Point.

KIDS KORN ER



Jennifer Soos LeBron ('94) and Sam LeBron are the proud parents of Sammy LeBron (11/30/00) and Sophia LeBron (10/23/02). The LeBron family resides in Hillsborough, NJ.



Amy Marshall Audlin ('92) and David Audlin are the proud parents of Hunter Audlin (6) shown here swimming with Thelma at Discovery Zone. The Audlin family resides in Ashburn, VA.



Jason Horay ('98) and Jennifer Horay are the proud parents of Caden Michael Horay (5/16/06).



Maria R. Broos ('01) and Brian Broos are the proud parents of Will (4) and Ella (4/21/06). The Broos family resides in Thomasville, NC.

Send photos of your children to: Alumni & Parent Relations, HPU, 833 Montlieu, High Point, NC 27262. Label the back of the photo clearly with:

- 1) child's name
- 2) birth date
- 3) parents' names
- 4) which parent graduated from HPU and year of graduation.



Cindy McDonald Odum ('99) and Bryan Odum are the proud parents of Brianna Fair Odum (3) and Cameron Wayne Odum (4 months).



Heather Blackwell Sutphin ('93) and Albert Sutphin are the proud parents of Christopher Sutphin (2). The Sutphin family resides in Marathon, FL.