STEEL SPORTS CENTER

The $3 million Jerry and Kitty Steele Sports Center will be the new home for the NCAA Division I Athletics at High Point University. It is being named in honor of Jerry and Kitty Steele, who teamed up for 51 years of successful coaching and teaching. An anonymous donor has already committed $1.5 million to the project.

No two individuals have touched High Point University and its department of athletics more than Jerry and Kitty. Before retiring in March, Jerry Steele led the men’s basketball team for 31 seasons, and ranked seventh among active coaches with 1,095 games coached and 12th among active coaches with 6.0 rebounds and 2.8 steals his senior year... the school's career record in 2003... second-team All-Region selection... shot 39...

Jerry and Kitty Steele Sports Center

The Jerry and Kitty Steele Sports Center will be a two-story, 24,000-square-foot facility replacing the antiquated field house between the baseball and soccer stadiums. It will feature training and weight rooms, locker rooms, an indoor practice area for golf, an academic services room, and a hospitality/conference room. The center will also include space to display athletic achievements and awards as well as offices for athletics administrators and coaching staffs of all sports except men's and women's basketball and volleyball.

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Jerry and Kitty Steele

MEET BASKETBALL COACH BART LUNDY

Bart Lundy is High Point University’s 10th head men’s basketball coach. Lundy succeeds Jerry Steele, who retired March 28 after 31 seasons at High Point.

Lundy comes to High Point after five highly-successful seasons as the head coach at Queens University of Charlotte, where he led the Royals to a 115-39 record and a pair of SCAA Division II Elite Eight appearances, including a trip to the Final Four in 2003.

“I’m thrilled to have Bart Lundy as our next men's basketball coach,” High Point director of athletics Dr. Woody Gibson said. “He's compiled a great record over the past five years at Queens University, and I expect that he will bring a great deal of excitement and success to our men's basketball program.”

Queens won the Carolinas-Virginia Athletic Conference (CVAC) in four of Lundy’s five seasons on the bench, and finished the season ranked in the Top 10 in three of Lundy’s five years there (including a No. 3 ranking in 2003).

Under Lundy, the Royals shattered the school record for victories three times (including a 28-4 mark in 2002-03), set the CVAC record for conference wins in a season with a 19-3 finish in 2001, and have broken the school record for points scored in a game (126) five times since the 2000 season.

In 2002-03, Queens was ranked in the top-ten nationally in scoring offense (88.8 pp/g), scoring margin (+14.7 pp/g), field-goal percentage defense (.384/6%), and free-throw percentage (.759%).

A 1993 graduate of Winthrop, Lundy compiled a 73-15 mark in three seasons as a player at UNC Pembroke and Lenox-Rhyne before transferring to the Rock Hill, S.C. school. Following graduation, he broke into coaching as an assistant for two seasons at Winthrop before leaving to become an assistant at Queens for three seasons under Dale Layer (who is now the head coach at Colorado State, and led the Rams to the Mountain West Conference title and an NCAA berth in 2003). While Lundy was an assistant and head coach at Queens from 1995-2003, he recruited and coached five Division II All-Americans. More importantly, during the same span, the school graduated 90 percent of its men’s basketball players.

Lundy is well-connected and nationally-known in the college basketball community. He has served on the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Board of Directors, founded the Charlotte Coaches Association (an organization to promote basketball at all levels in the Charlotte metro area) in 1998, and served as director of the Dave Cowens/Charlotte Hornets College Coaches Clinic. He received his masters from Winthrop in 1998.

Lundy is the third Queens coaching alumnus since 1990 to land a Division I head coaching job, joining Layer (Colorado State) and Richie McKay (New Mexico). Other notable head coaches who have made the jump from D-II to D-I prominence include Bob Huggins of Cincinnati (Walsh U. in Ohio), Bobby Lutz of Charlotte (Pfeiffer), and Bruce Pearl of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Southern Indiana).
High Point Wins 2 NCAA Division I Conference Championships

Cross Country

High Point won its first-ever Big South Conference title in any sport when the men's cross country team obliterated the competition at the 2002 Big South Cross Country Championships.

Al Barnes also became the first High Point coach to earn Big South Coach of the Year honors by himself. Dr. Joe Ellenburg shared the 2000-01 Women's Basketball Coach of the Year award.

Tommy Evans, Jeff Fairman, Taylor Milne, and Bubba Hill earned spots on the All-Conference team by finishing second, third, fifth, and sixth at the League meet. Dan Garejpy, Derek Nakluki and Alex Baikovs joined them in the top 15.

All told, the team won five meets in 2003 and finished 10th at the NCAA Southeast Regional.

The Panther women also finished strong, taking fifth at the Big South Championships. High Point won the Hagan-Stone Invitational in October. Freshman Catherine Lewis's eighth-place effort at that meet was the best individual finish for a Panther during the season, while Melissa Caudill was High Point's most consistent runner, finishing in the top 25 six times.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team rode the strength of a 10-match win streak to claim the school's second-ever Big South title and first-ever NCAA Division I Tournament appearance. The Panthers (14-2) didn't lose a match in March or April and swept through the Big South Championship (including a 4-0 smashing of top-seeded Winthrop in the finals) to earn an NCAA Tournament date with Duke.

High Point fell to No. 8-seeded Duke, 4-0, in the first round. Mike Tolman and Thomas Sjoberg each won a set (at Nos. 4 and 5 singles, respectively) before the remaining matches were called.

Head coach Jerry Tertzagian earned his first Big South Coach of the Year award, while freshman Chris Archer, who boasted a 15-3 singles mark, was named Co-Freshman of the Year and first-team All-Big South. Other stellar singles records on a team full of them belonged to freshman Mike Tolman (14-1) and sophomore Thomas Sjoberg (13-1). High Point's top doubles team was the duo of Tolman and freshman Robert Lindle (13-3).

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Baseball

With a roster full of newcomers sprinkled with a few key veterans, 2003 was full of highs and lows for the High Point baseball program.

The Panthers opened their home schedule by sweeping a pair of contests from local rival North Carolina A&T, before venturing on the road and claiming a victory at Conference USA member Charlotte. After a pair of close losses to former High Point coach Chuck Hartman's Virginia Tech squad, the Panthers swept three games from Buffalo and then went to Blacksburg to upset the Hokies, who would end the season in the top four in the Big East.

High Point struggled early in Big South play, dropping its first five league contests against Big South powers Elon and UNC Asheville, before taking two of three games at Radford to get back in the conference race. Other highlights of conference play included wins over Winthrop and Coastal Carolina, who eventually finished 1-2 in the Big South.

Despite their struggles, the Panthers entered the final weekend of the season with a chance to finish in the top six in the conference and earn a trip to the Big South Tournament. Needing to sweep Liberty for the tournament spot, High Point trounced the Flames 6-1 on Friday night, but heavy rains and flooding in the Lynchburg area washed out the remainder of the series, ending the Panthers’ season.

Senior Kevin Burch, a four-year starter, closed his High Point career with two consecutive victories over Winthrop and Liberty, and finished the year as High Point's leader in wins (five), earned-run average (3.33), innings pitched (102.20), and strikeouts (55).

Fellow senior Kemp Smith batted a team high seven homers, while Colin Cronin was the team’s third-leading hitter (.280). Senior hurlers David Hiltstein and Chris Hyatt each provided valuable innings on the staff.

Women's Tennis

High Point's women's tennis team was in the thick of the Big South race as well, and ended the regular season with victories in five of its final six matches before bowing out in the semifinals of the Big South Championships to Coastal Carolina.

Senior Patricia D'Arcy and freshman Emma Nordin each posted 10-3 singles records. D'Arcy and junior Anника Meyerson recorded the top doubles mark (8-3). With just two seniors graduating off the roster, the Panthers should again be one of the top Big South squads in 2004.

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Volleyball
High Point's volleyball team finished 7-27 for the second straight year, but optimism abounds after the school announced the hiring of Chad Esposito as its new head volleyball coach in January. Esposito has won 156 games as a collegiate head coach, and inherits a squad that will replace four seniors, including standouts Traycynn Pryce and Kimberly Wright. High Point returns 10 of 14 players from a season ago. The 2002 Panthers dropped their first 10 matches before a victory over Wofford in the Mercer Invitational, and won three-of-four in mid-October, including wins over Birmingham-Southern, Elon, and Campbell. Five of the Panthers' seven victories came away from the Millis Center. Pryce finished the season ranked in the Big South's top-10 in blocks per game (0.80, T-7th) and kills per game (3.25, 9th), while Wright was fifth in kills per game (3.41). Junior setter Jamie Katz was sixth in the league in assists per game (9.8).

Men's Golf
High Point's men's golf team relied heavily on two key seniors – David Syman and Gordon Hughes – in 2003. The duo each had four Top-30 finishes during the season, and Hughes finished in the Top 15 in tournaments at The Citadel and Liberty. High Point finished seventh at the Big South Championships, and produced a season-best fifth-place finish at the Liberty/Wiley's Edge Invitational, where Hughes and Syman each tied for 14th place, and Matthew Hammond (T-18th) and Ross Miller (T-25th) gave High Point four spots in the individual Top 25.

Men's and Women's Track
Both the High Point men's and women's indoor and outdoor track teams enjoyed solid campaigns, led by some of the Big South's top athletes. The indoor season saw junior Taylor Meline grab MVP honors at the Big South Indoor Championships after sweeping the 800 meters and mile (and setting school records in the process). High Point finished second overall, and Alex Baikovs (800m/mile), Bubba Hill (5000m), Kirk Rudder (200m), and Ricky Siler (high jump) joined Meline as All-Conference honorees. Sophomore Denise Morgan earned All-Conference recognition on the women's side with her individual title in the long jump and second-place finish in the triple jump. She was joined on the All-Big South team by teammates Nicole Garner (shot put) and Kii Westbrook (400m), along with the 4x400m relay team (Morgan, Westbrook, April Powell, Stephanie Amspach). The outdoor season was even more successful. Four Panther men and four women qualified for the NCAA East Regional Meet May 31-June 1 in Fairfax, Va., in their events. On the men's side, Baikovs (800m), Matt Goodale (3000m steeplechase), Hill (10,000m) and Meline (1500m) will represent High Point, while the Panther women will send the 4x400 relay team, in addition to Morgan (triple jump) and Westbrook (400m). Both the High Point men and women finished third at the Big South Outdoor Championships, and placed nine and five athletes, respectively, on the All-Conference teams.

Women's Golf to Begin in 2003-2004
High Point University will field a varsity intercollegiate women's golf team for the first time in the fall of 2003. "We're excited about the addition of women's golf here," said Dr. Woody Gibson, High Point's Director of Athletics. "It increases athletic opportunities for our female athletes. Plus, it's a Big South Conference sport, which now allows us to compete in 18 of the conference's 18 sports."

JULIE STENG
Julie Strong has been named the first head women's golf coach at High Point University. Strong, a former golfer and 1996 graduate from Stanford, was also a three-time Academic All-American and the co-captain of the Stanford squad her senior season.

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Athletic Director's Report

During 2002-2003 High Point University continued to gain recognition as a competitive NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletic program. The institution won its first two Big South Conference championships in men's cross country and men's tennis. The men's tennis team competed in the NCAA Division I Men's Tennis National Championship, a first for High Point University. Several student-athletes won All-Conference recognition and two coaches were selected Coach of the Year.

Casey Degnaun (men's tennis) completed his one-year appointment to the NCAA National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Megan Moore (women's soccer) completed her one-year appointment as Chair of the Big South Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. In mid-April 2003 High Point hosted the RSC SAAC for a two-day meeting.

While in High Point, various student-athletes from Big South member institutions and a variety of High Point University student-athletes worked for a day building a house with Habitat for Humanity. During the fall of 2002 High Point was recognized by USA Today for its commitment to student-athlete academic achievement and graduation rates. High Point had a student-athlete graduation rate of 70% which placed it fourth in North Carolina among Division I schools, trailing only Davidson, Duke and Wake Forest. High Point also placed sixth in the nation among Division I schools with a student-athlete graduation rate that is significantly higher (26%) than that of the overall student body.

During the 2002-2003 academic year, 253 male and female student-athletes and cheerleaders posted a cumulative grade point average of 3.08, the third consecutive year that the Department of Athletics GPA has exceeded a 3.0. One hundred and fifty-seven student-athletes, cheerleaders and student trainers, a record number, were presented the Mills Scholar-Athlete Award for 2002. Fifteen student-athletes received Big South Conference All-Academic Awards for 2002-2003.

While these are impressive credentials for High Point University, there is still much room for growth. If we stand still, our competitors will certainly pass us as they continue to expand and improve. We need to continue to examine our commitment to the four key areas of intercollegiate athletics: athletic scholarships; personnel to administer, manage and coach in the athletic program; operating budgets and athletic facilities. Of these four areas the most critical is the improvement of our outdoor athletic facilities. Athletic facilities make a visual and immediate impact on visitors, recruits and the greater High Point community. They are a vital part of the puzzle which is, ultimately, a competitive NCAA Division I athletics program.

It is my continued hope that this area will be addressed as soon as possible. Improving our outdoor athletic facilities is the next major hurdle to overcome in our quest to be the best NCAA Division I athletic program we can be.
**The 2002-2003 Year In Review**

### Men's Basketball

There were plenty of high points for the men's basketball team in 2002-03. Fresh off a Cinderella run to the Big South Tournament finals in 2001-02, the Panthers opened the season by knocking off Northern Arizona and host Central Connecticut State to win the Meogan Sun Classic.

Following a loss to Clemson at the Greensboro Coliseum, the Panthers headed for Rupp Arena, one of college basketball's most hallowed halls, to face one of their own (former High Point player Tubby Smith) and the Kentucky Wildcats. The lead changed hands several times in the first half and the Panthers trailed UK by just two points midway through the final period before the Wildcats, who would finish the regular season as the nation's No. 1-ranked team, eventually pulled away.

The top individual performance of the season came the next week at Vanderbilt, where sophomore Joe Knight lit up his hometown team for 40 points before the Commodores survived, 81-75. A thrilling seven-point loss across the country at Wisconsin State followed before the Panthers returned home to record wins over Campbell and UNC-Greensboro.

Big South play began for High Point with a road win at Radford, but then the Panthers had several hard losses. Seven of the Panthers' conference losses came by five points or less, and that doesn't include an overtime loss to Charleston Southern or a last-second defeat at Birmingham-Southern.

Still, there were bright moments, including the night in late February when the short-handed Panthers rode a career-high 38 points from Dustin Van Werdethausen to an upset of second-place Liberty. Sophomores Knight and Daniel Brockman were each named to the All-Big South second team.

Following the season, legendary head coach Jerry Steele retired after 31 seasons and 458 victories at High Point. The final season included an overtime loss to Charleston Southern or a last-second defeat at Birmingham-Southern.

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### Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team put together its finest season since moving to Division I in 2002-03. The Panthers won 18 games, finished third in the Big South, knocked rival Elon out of the conference with a win in the semifinals, and reached the Big South title game before failing to host Liberty in front of a regional television audience.

High Point opened the season by winning five of its first seven games, including wins over Campbell, Furman, and North Carolina A&T and started 3-0 in Big South play. The Panthers won five in a row before running into Charleston Southern, Liberty, and Elon (three of the Big South's top-four teams). But High Point recovered in time to earn the third seed and host Radford in the first round of the Big South Tournament.

The Panthers sent the Highlanders packing with a 59-45 victory, and then gained revenge for a pair of regular-season losses to Elon by bouncing the Phoenix from the tourney, 86-66, in Lynchburg. In that game, three seniors (Misty Brockman, Gina Rosser, and Cebronica Scott) all reached double figures, as did junior Nareille Henry.

In the finals, the Panthers gave conference juggernaut Liberty a scare on its own floor before the Lady Flames survived to win their seventh-straight Big South title, 84-71.

Brockman and Henry were each named to the All-Big South second team and All-Tournament Team, while Rosser received Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-Region honors.

### Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team finished the season in 4-14-1 overall and 1-5-1 in the Big South, which is officially a soccer hoarder after sending two teams to the NCAA Tournament (league champ Winthrop and Coastal Carolina, which was ranked in the Top 10 nationally and grabbed at an-large bid).

The Panthers started the season off slow, losing their first three games at the hands of West Virginia, Marshall, and UNC-Wilmington. High Point opened Big South play strong with a draw against Liberty, 1-1, and then handling Charleston Southern with ease, 3-0. The Panthers pushed their unbeaten streak to three games after a victory over Davidson, who had previously been beaten No. 2-ranked North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

High Point then dropped three in a row on the way to Winthrop and Eastern Carolina. The Panthers got back on track with a 4-1 homecoming win over Mount Olive, but dropped three straight before a 1-1 home victory over Birmingham-Southern.

High Point finished the regular season with four losses and bowed out to nationally-ranked Coastal Carolina in the first round of the conference tournament.

For the season, junior Kevin Tochiki led all scorers with five goals and four assists. Fellow junior Kirk Rudder added three goals, while sophomore Rick Hanson knocked in two goals. Senior goalkeeper Eric Lona held down most of the goalkeeping duties with some assistance from sophomore Chris Mischner.

On the year, Lona made 117 including three penalty kicks, two of those coming in the East Carolina game. Tochiki earned All-Big South second team and Lona was named to the Big South All-Academic squad for the fourth time in four years.

At the last home game, High Point honored four seniors. Lona, a four-year starter, made 364 saves and finished with a 27-35-4 record. He made the 2001 Big South All-Tournament team and also earned Big South Player of the Week honors twice in his career. Tochiki most played three seasons and had one goal while playing mostly midfield. Co-captain Tanner Wightman finished with two goals and one assist. Wightman played four seasons with the Panthers, but missed one of his senior season due to knee injuries. Also leaving the Panthers will be Matt Fry, who played one season with the team.

### Women's Soccer

The High Point women's soccer team finished the 2002 season with a 4-10-4 record overall and a 1-2-3 record in the Big South. The Panthers put together Coastal Carolina, 5-0, in the first round of the Big South Tournament, before falling to eventual champ Radford in the semifinals.

Following a 2-3-1 start which featured wins over Rider and Birmingham-Southern and a draw against Liberty, the Panthers dropped four straight, including back-to-back heartbreakers to San Francisco (1-0) and Coastal Carolina (3-2 in double-overtime). High Point would rally to finish the regular season with a 1-1-2 streak, featuring a win over Charleston Southern and draws with Elon and Wofford before the conference tourney in Charleston.

Overall, 2002 was a tough road for the Panthers. High Point completed a challenging schedule, with just seven home games out of 18 contests. But the future looks bright, as the Panthers started just one senior. Freshman striker Jen Evans led all scorers with six goals and six assists, while freshman midfielder Wendy Williams netted five goals and assisted in three more, and junior Emily Lanham chipped in five goals. Senior defender Kerry Muscolina was second on the team with four assists. Lanham, Evans and freshman Lena Svensson were named to the All-Conference second team.

Senior Gwen Smith earned All-Academic team honors.

The team graduates four seniors – Smith, Muscolina, talented midfielder Beth Mork (10 career goals, eight assists, a 2001 All-Big South Second Team selection and former team MVP), and defensive specialist Megan Moore (two goals as a four-year letter-winner).