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THIS WEEK

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ALUMNI 'SAIL BACK' TO COLLEGE FOR HOMECOMING

Courtney Conner & Roger Hagg, Jr.
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UVA-Wise welcomed alumni to "sail back" to the College for the annual Homecoming festivities held on Sept. 18-20. The Hawaiian theme of "Sail Back to UVA-Wise" encouraged students, faculty and alumni to participate in the College's festive celebration. Activities included a luau by the lake, a Homecoming dance and, of course, the Homecoming football game on Saturday, during which senior Courtney Conner was crowned this year's Homecoming Queen.

"Homecoming was a huge success," said Jennifer Davis, president of the Student Government Association (SGA), which hosted the student events for the weekend. "The SGA and I greatly appreciate the support of the alumni, students and faculty during this important celebration of the College."

Thursday's luau by the lake featured several Hawaiian activities, including a hula hoop contest, a limbo contest and a dunking booth. In addition, local band Frayed Not performed on the platform by the lake.

During the luau, the various organizations on campus also competed against each other in a boat-building contest, and Alpha Delta Chi received the Best Boat prize. Also, the Baptist Student Union received the Most School-Spirited prize, the Originality prize went to Xi Gamma Zeta, the Party Boat prize was awarded to Gamma Chi

Omega and the "Most Likely to Survive a Shipwreck" prize went to Pi Lambda Phi.

Friday was deemed "Red-and-Gray Day," and all College fans were invited to wear the school's colors. Also, another performance was held by the lake on Friday, this time by local band the Marauders.

Saturday was the biggest day for Homecoming festivities and featured the College's most celebrated home football game of the season. The Cavs ultimately lost to Campbellsville University's Tigers (for full game coverage, see the headline in *Sports*, on page 4).

During the game, senior Courtney Conner was crowned this year's Homecoming Queen. The Homecoming Court also included senior representatives Jessica Bruce, Vicki Guinta and Charessa Pryor, junior representative Jennifer Jenks, sophomore representative Emily Houchins and freshman representative Sally Lair.

After the game, a reception was held for all alumni in Alumni Hall from 4:30-6 p.m., and a special reception for alumni from the Natural Science Department was held in the Science Center at 5:30 p.m.

Homecoming ended with the Homecoming Dance, held at Holiday Inn in Norton for all students, alumni and guests. Approximately 500 people attended the dance, including students, their dates and alumni. The dance lasted from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.



The College's 2003 Homecoming Queen Courtney Conner stands with last year's Homecoming Queen, Amber Phillips, who crowned Conner during the Homecoming football game on Sept. 20.

UVA-WISE COMPLETES ANNUAL MEDIEVAL CONFERENCE

Local Events
Staff Writer

The University of Virginia's College at Wise has finished hosting the 17th Annual Medieval-

Renaissance Conference. The program began Thursday, Sept. 18 and lasted through Saturday, Sept. 20.

The keynote

speaker for the event was Teresa Kennedy, representing Mary Washington College. Each session had professors and students visiting from

other colleges and universities, such as the University of North Carolina, Yale University and Boston University, all to speak on various topics

in medieval literature.

Representing UVA-Wise were Richard H. Peake, Professor Timothy Lovelace, Dr. Julia Palmer and Nicholas Vanover.

Video Watch

Lucinda Thomas Staff Writer
Almost everyone enjoys going to a movie theater and watching a great movie no matter what his or her age might be. The majority of college students can't afford six dollars per person just to watch one movie, since many of them are unable to work or only work part time and spend their checks on necessities. I realize most of you are probably raising your eyebrows wondering what any of this could mean to you. Well, I'm here to offer an alternative to going to the movie theaters. Instead of paying six dollars to watch one movie at the theater, why not pay six dollars and watch two different movies?

September brings forth many sought-after VHS/DVD releases, and offers renters a range of genres to choose from. Sept. 2 saw the release of *A Man Apart* and *Identity*, both rated R. *A Man Apart* is an action-filled revenge film starring Vin Diesel and offers plenty of gory scenes and loud noises that a lot of guys might find necessary to the making of a good movie. *Identity* stars John Cusack, Ray Liotta and Amanda Peet and is categorized as a cross between a suspense thriller and horror film that offers the audience surprises and manages to keep them interested until the end. Sept. 9 was the month's biggest release day,

September DVD/UHS Releases Feature Early Summer Hits

offer renters a choice of three different comedies. *Bulletproof Monk* is an action comedy starring Chow Yun-Fat and Seann William Scott. *View From the Top*, starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Christina Applegate and Mike Myers, is a lighthearted PG-13 comedy that will probably be more enjoyable for women rather than guys. Last, *Malibu's Most Wanted*, starring Jamie Kennedy and Anthony Anderson, is also available. Sept. 16 saw the release of *Anger Management*, a comedy that stars Adam Sandler and Jack Nicholson. For those of you who are Sandler fans, this film offers the sort of humor that you have to come to

enjoy and expect seeing from him. On Sept. 23, Disney released *Holes*, a PG-rated live-action film based on a book for young readers by Louis Sachar. Also, *Daddy Day Care* is a PG-rated family comedy starring Eddie Murphy. Finally, Sept. 30 offered three different films that fall under three very different genres. The film *2 Fast 2 Furious*, a sequel to the hit *The Fast and the Furious*, brings back star Paul Walker and adds Tyrese and Chris Bridges. *Dreamcatcher* is a horror-film adaptation of a Stephen King novel and stars Morgan Freeman. *Boat Trip* is a comedy starring Cuba Gooding Jr.



Daddy Day Care, starring Eddie Murphy, is among last month's most popular home video releases.

FALL TV SEASON PREMIERES WITH 37 NEW SERIES

Jessica Smith Staff Writer
Bombarded with the profusion of television series premiering this fall? It's no wonder, when you consider there are 37 of them to choose from. With beloved shows such as *Friends* and *Frasier* nearing their close, the networks are scrambling to create other hit comedy series to take their places. Among the 37 new series, 20 of them alone are devoted to the comedy genre. With all these to select from, which should you watch? To help with this dilemma, take a look at the winners and losers of the prime-time broadcast season, which officially began Sept. 22. The following list of winners and losers was provided by Monica Collins of *The Boston Herald*. Ringing in as best new comedy is NBC's *Whoopi*. From the creators and executive producers of the shows *3rd Rock from the Sun* and *That '70s Show*, Academy Award-winning actress Whoopi Goldberg executive-produces and stars in this "smart and sassy comedy" as an ex-diva named Mavis Rae. Another one-hit wonder, she runs her own small hotel in

New York City. *Whoopi* airs on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. Trailing in right behind *Whoopi* was ABC's new comedy, *I'm with Her*. The show, written by Marco Penette (creator of *Caroline in the City*) and Chris Henchy (*Spin City*), is a romantic comedy about "wish fulfillment and unexpected love." *I'm with Her* stars Teri Polo (*Meet the Parents*, *Sports Night*) and David Sutcliffe (*Gilmore Girls*) and tells the story of Patrick Owens (Sutcliffe), an average guy who meets and begins dating Alex Young (Polo), a not-so-average woman who just happens to be a world-renowned movie star. You can catch *I'm with Her* at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Surprisingly, the worst new comedy went to ABC's *Hope & Faith*. The show is about two sisters, Hope and Faith, who have been living in two very different worlds. Hope (Faith Ford) is a stay-at-home mom who lives in the Midwest suburbs with her husband Charley (Ted McGinley) and three children. Her sister Faith (Kelly Ripa of *Regis & Kelly*) is a daytime soap opera diva whose

character, Ashley Storm, has recently been killed off her daytime TV show. Faith is now seeking refuge in the suburb home of her sister. Collins says, "Ripa is a fun foil to Regis Philbin on the syndicated talk show *Live with Regis and Kelly* but fizzles as a sitcom sidekick. She should stick to her day job." To spite the reviews, if you would like to watch *Hope & Faith*, it shows at 9 p.m. on Fridays. Now, on to the drama series' reviews. This season there are two best drama winners. First is CBS' *Joan of Arcadia*. Will Girardi (Joe Mantegna) is the compassionate police chief, new to the city of Arcadia. Will dreams of providing a safe place for his family and community and faces the outbreak of serious crime in his "idyllic" new town, while challenged with the ups-and-downs he faces at home. His daughter Joan (Amber Tamblyn), is an average teenager who is becoming very strange. No one realizes that this is caused by the unusual way that various people keep appearing to Joan, introducing

themselves as God, and telling her to do specific things. Also in the Girardi family are Joan's mother, Helen (Mary Steenburgen), her 15-year-old geeky brother Luke (Michael Welch), and her older brother Kevin (Jason Ritter), who is a former high-school athletic star now in a wheelchair due to a car accident. Uncertain of exactly what God wants with her, or if her sanity is still in-tact, Joan hesitantly begins to follow God's "cryptic directives," while also trying to maintain a "normal" teen-aged life. *Joan of Arcadia* can be seen Friday nights at 8 p.m. The other winner of best new drama is CBS' *Naval NCIS*. If you like *CSI*, then you'll probably enjoy *Naval NCIS*. *Naval NCIS* (Naval Criminal Investigative Service), inspired by *JAG*, is an action-filled drama about a group of special agents whose duty is to investigate any crime that has a scrap of evidence linked to Navy and Marine Corps personnel. Leading the team is NCIS Special Agent Leroy Jethro Gibbs (Mark Harmon). Operating under Gibbs is Special Agent Anthony Dinozzo

(Michael Weatherly). Enlisting with the two are Agent Katie Todd (Sasha Alexander) and forensics specialist Abby Sciuto (Pauley Perrette). Aiding the group is medical examiner Dr. Donald "Ducky" Mallard (David McCallum). You can catch *Naval NCIS* at 8 p.m. on Tuesday nights. Although CBS swept the board in best new drama, they also rang in dead last with their series *The Brotherhood of Poland, New Hampshire*. This drama focuses on the lives of three brothers living in the small town of Poland, N.H. *The Brotherhood of Poland, New Hampshire* stars Hank Shaw (Randy Quaid) as the police chief, Garrett Shaw (John Carroll Lynch) as the mayor and Waylon Shaw (Chris Penn), who is unemployed. As they deal with their personal and professional problems, the only stability in their lives is their family bond and their unconditional love for one another. Collins' view on the show is that it "features a few fat guys sittin' around talkin'. What they say is just not interesting." *The Brotherhood of Poland, New Hampshire* is on Wednesdays at 10 p.m.

Press Play

Adria Bowling & Free Bowling Staff Writers
Final Fantasy Tactics Advance (Platform(s): Game Boy Advance, Developer: Square-Enix, Genre: Strategy-RPG) It's been a few years since the original *Final Fantasy Tactics* graced the Playstation. Promising a story that was as dynamic as the memorable ones found in its insanely popular *Final Fantasy* franchise, with a fighting system based on strategy-RPGs, it easily became one of the PSX's more popular strategic titles. Now *Final Fantasy Tactics Advance* will let you take all the strategy battles with you wherever you go, with good graphics and music to boot. By using character types from five different races (with specific jobs given to each race) and advancing the characters' stats and abilities with armor and weapons, battles should give you a lot of thinking time. Also, laws are used in each battle, preventing the use of certain weapons, abilities or job-classes. To be honest, the story is not as good as the ones normally found in the *FF* series, as you're playing as kids taken from the real world to a fantasy one. The real reason to play this game, however, is for its tactical elements, and in this way, *Tactics Advance* delivers. With over 300 missions, multiple side quests and a cast of many characters, you're definitely going to have to dedicate a huge amount of time thinking over your strategy.

Downhill Domination (Platform(s): Playstation 2, Developer: Incog. Inc., Genre: Sports) If the name Incog. Inc. is familiar to you, it's because you probably remember them

from the *Twisted Metal: Black* series. This time the developer has taken to extreme sports with *Downhill Domination*, a game that brings you all the thrills of mountain biking without any of the spills. With a large roster of bikers (some even being real-life pros), a variety of courses and various options of play, you'll definitely have a lot to choose from. Course designs are intriguing and dynamic, with anything from wild animals to hikers, all capable of being run over by your bike. Yes, this game also has a large amount of humor (some of it dark). After all, it is done by the people responsible for *Twisted Metal: Black*. You can even give your characters weapons in order for them to beat up the other players and all those pesky bystanders getting in your way. Sports game fans shouldn't miss out on this mountain biking game.

Otogi: Myth of Demons (Platform(s): Xbox, Developer: Sega, Genre: Action-adventure) Tired of games where you have to be sneaky and think of strategies? Then *Otogi: Myth of Demons* is right up your alley! There's really nothing to think about in terms of gameplay, other than taking out as many enemies as shown on the screen. That's not to say this is a button-masher and an unenjoyable experience for all types of gamers. You're definitely looking at a game anyone can pick up and enjoy, and you'll maybe even learn about the Japanese tales that provided the inspiration for the game in the process. As the name implies, you face demons brought to life by beautiful graphics along with over 25 stages of demon-kicking goodness. As with most action-adventure games, there are plenty of secrets to uncover and players will even be tempted to return to stages that they've already completed in order to fight some more.

Final Fantasy Returns with New Strategy Game



Final Fantasy Tactics Advance (top) is the Game Boy Advance's most popular new release, featuring not only a deep strategy title but also the return of Square's timeless *Final Fantasy* series to a Nintendo console. The creators of *Twisted Metal: Black* have released *Downhill Domination* (bottom), a stunt-filled, humorous mountain-bike game for the Playstation 2.

UNDERWORLD IS 'CLASSIC FILM NOIR' OF VAMPIRES, WEREWOLVES

Christina Hicks-Goldstein Author
For many in the film industry, the fall season at the box office is an opportunity to send the less-than-perfect films, the less-than-perfect stars and the less-than-perfect plots to theaters in hopes of enjoying decent financial returns on mediocre films while waiting for the competition of the Holiday films. Sometimes, studio executives are incorrect about the potential of a film (*Ghost*, e.g.), and it becomes a hit; otherwise, the film-going public is resigned to average fare from August to November. *Underworld* occupies a median in that rationale. It is a horror flick about vampires battling the

"Likens" (werewolves), a love story between a vampire and a Liken and a thriller about the intrigue among these two societies. The look of *Underworld* is classic film noir, with rain, a city immersed in darkness and an old, gothic mansion. It seems to be perpetually dark in *Underworld*. As with *Batman* and *The Crow*, the characters live in a city of metaphorical darkness, awaiting another plot twist. Selena (Kate Beckinsale) is the film's narrator, explaining to the audience that there is an ancient war between the vampires and Likens that goes back 600 years. She is a death-dealer, an assassin of Likens who views her

work as both necessary and meaningful. She has the misfortune of working with her boss, Kraven (Shane Brolly), and living with him in a mansion amidst "vampire decadence." Kraven wants Selena to be his vampire queen, but she wants nothing to do with him. Meanwhile, the Likens are unhappy with their outcast state; they are living in sewers below the city and long for a better existence. Unlike their foes, they are able to assume human identities and live among everyone else and are not confined to a "night existence." They are planning a revolt, led by Lucien (Michael Sheen), an older Liken who has managed to

survive in order to plan his return in secret. When Lucien discovers that he may be able to create a super-race of people via a young physician named Michael (Scott Speedman), he decides that the odds are in his favor. Meanwhile, Selena has also discovered Michael's importance to the Likens, and the plot ensues. *Underworld* is a dark fairy tale of ageless beings, love and war. It is cinematically stunning, with great sets, costumes and action. The story is somewhat lacking, in that it is minimal at best, but it does contain a few twists. The cast is European, without big-budget names, and the film is also European in its overall look. The soundtrack has a

European-techno feel, as well, which means that some North American audiences may not appreciate such an alternative approach to filmmaking. Female audience members may enjoy the fact that Selena is indeed the heroine of the film. It should also be noted that there is a certain amount of "class consciousness" in the film, with the vampires living the life of the "decadent rich," while the Likens live as peasants underground. Essentially, *Underworld* is fun for fans of the horror and sci-fi genres and potentially fun for anyone else. It is brutal, violent and not recommended for children. However, it is strongly directed, well acted and well done.

CAVS FALL TO CAMPBELLSVILLE IN HOMECOMING GAME

Wise Shut out in Fourth Quarter for a 35-16 Defeat

Daniel Lechy
Staff Writer

After starting out well, the Cavs ultimately lost to Campbellsville University's Tigers in the College's Homecoming game on Saturday, Sept. 20.

The game began well for the College's football team, when early in the first quarter,

Kenneth Mitchell intercepted a pass and returned it 25 yards to the opponents' 33. This set up junior fullback Godfrey Pestana who scored just two minutes into the game. Campbellsville then scored two touchdowns to make the score 14-7 at the end of the first quarter.

With the clock winding down in the first

half, Josh Honaker punted the ball and it was downed on the one-yard line. The Cavs' defense then recorded a safety two plays after that for the only scoring of the second quarter, with a score of 14-9 as the game entered halftime.

The second half opened up with Derek Skaggs scoring a rushing

touchdown for the Tigers. The Cavs then answered with an 80-yard touchdown drive, capped off by Travis Clark's rushing touchdown.

Wise was shut out in the fourth quarter as they looked for a big comeback. Campbellsville scored twice in the fourth, and UVa-Wise lost the game 35-16.

A few of the game's highlights were from Travis Clark, Kenneth Mitchell and James Poitier. Clark ran for 91 yards and had a touchdown, Mitchell had 10 tackles and an interception and Poitier led all receivers with four catches for 52 yards.

WISE CAVS OPPOSE MONTREAT CAVS IN VOLLEYBALL MATCH

Jessica Cain & Lori Hoffman

Staff Writers

Cavs vs. Cavs? Indeed, on Tuesday, Sept. 23, the UVa-Wise Lady Cavs volleyball team traveled to Montreat College to take on the Montreat Lady Cavs. Both teams fought through five matches, with the Montreat Lady Cavaliers gaining a victory.

"The girls played with a lot of heart and gave 110% the whole game," said Wise coach Kim Mathes.

"We played scrappy and couldn't hold our momentum, but we'll get them next time," said setter Kellie Burke.

Every match was neck-and-neck, with scores as follows: 28-30, 30-21, 27-30, 30-25 and 15-17.

The UVa-Wise Lady Cavs travel to Bryan, Covenant, and Tennessee Wesleyan Colleges on Oct. 3 and 4 and will have their next home match against King College on Oct. 14.

LADY CAVS ATTEND PRE-SEASON FALL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Heather Gentry
Staff Writer

Fall doesn't seem like the right season to be swinging the lumber or oiling the glove, but the UVa-Wise softball team competed in a pre-season tournament hosted by Milligan College in Johnson City on Sept. 19 and 20. Several teams from different states played in the tournament, including UVa-Wise foe Milligan College, local colleges like Emory & Henry, Virginia Intermont and ETSU, and several

other teams, including Tusculum, Mars Hill and Cumberland University.

The Lady Cavaliers started the weekend off competing against Division I ETSU. Although the Cavs lost their first game 5-2, they won their next two matchups against Mars Hill College, 5-3, and Cumberland University, 3-2. The Cavs then fell to Milligan College in their nightcap, 3-2. The team finished the weekend with two wins and two losses.

Only losing one

senior from last year's squad, the Lady Cavs look to have a promising season ahead of them in the spring. This year's squad will consist of three seniors: April Damron, Jen Law and Heather Gentry. Nichole Poore, Kendall Rainey and Kari Sparks will be the returning juniors, and the sophomores include Dani Benton, Echo Hagan, Beth Matlock, Courtney Brammon, Megan Dean and Ashley Addington. This year's freshmen may be the largest recruiting class

for the Cavs in years, consisting of transfer Krystal Showers, Rustan Rainey, Terri Anne Hill, Ashley Wood, Alicia King, Lindsay Sullins, Meagan Jones, Katie Ross and Lori Arnold.

The Lady Cavaliers will be tough come spring, and although they are not in season, they will be competing in another fall tournament on Oct. 4 at Lincoln Memorial University, as well as hosting Pikeville College in a double-header on Oct. 11.

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