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THIS WEEK

**In Entertainment:** *Finding Nemo*, *The Santa Clause 2* and *X2* are some of November's biggest video releases for the yuletide season. Also, Audra and Bree Bowling cover *Prince of Persia* and *Final Fantasy XI* in this week's Press Play. (Pages 2-3)  
**In Living:** Winter is upon us, and the flu season has begun. Students — especially dorm residents — are encouraged to get the flu shot soon. Check out Justin Byron's full report within. (Page 4)

## A Cavalier Christmas



'Twas two weeks 'til exams, and all through the school, all the students were studying, hoping Christmas would come soon. In the meantime, however, students Heather Gentry and Lucinda Thomas read Holiday books while enjoying the Bookstore's Christmas atmosphere.

## XI GAMMA ZETA PLANS 'LOCKS OF LOVE' HAIR DONATION DRIVE FOR CANCER PATIENTS

**Urhala Rothwell**

**Staff Writer**

The sisters and friends of sorority Xi Gamma Zeta are teaming up with the Locks of Love Foundation, which works in conjunction with the National Cancer Society, to donate human hair for cancer patients who have lost their hair due to

chemotherapy treatments. The Xi Gamma Zeta drive for hair donations will be held in April next year.

The drive will be held at a local hair salon that is willing to co-sponsor this event. To participate in the hair drive, a person's hair must be at least 10 inches long without any color or

perm.

For more information, keep your eyes open for fliers and other updates as the date for the event approaches. You can also contact the sisters of Xi Gamma Zeta at 328-6313 or 376-4003, or visit the Locks of Love Foundation website at [www.locksoflove.org](http://www.locksoflove.org).

## LADY CAVS ADVANCE TO REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT FOR FIRST TIME IN COLLEGE'S HISTORY

**Jessica Cain and Lori Hoffman**

**Staff Writers**

For the first time in College volleyball history, the Lady Cavalier volleyball team will advance to the regional tournament. The Cavs advance to the regional tournament after a three-game weekend at the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament at King College in Bristol, Tenn. The Lady Cavs left the tournament with a fifth-place seed in the regional tournament.

The Cavaliers' first game of the weekend was on Friday, Nov. 14, against Montreat College. The Cavs quickly slid by Montreat in three straight games. Later that day, the team faced and

fell to the Union College Bulldogs, who were ranked at number two in the AAC Conference. On Saturday, the Cavs returned to play Bryan College's Lady Lions, who defeated the Wise players. With this loss, the Lady Cavs were knocked out of the weekend's tournament, but did not go home empty-handed.

Kari Sparks of Yuma, Va., was named the AAC Defensive Player of the Year and was also named to the All Conference and All Tournament Teams. Sparks recorded 572 digs this season.

Also receiving honors for their performance were juniors Kendall Rainey, Jessica Cain and Kellie Burke.

## Fall 2003 Exam Schedule

— Each block is followed by its regular meeting time —

Exam Time	Mon. 12/15/03	Tues. 12/16/03	Wed. 12/17/03	Thurs. 12/18/03	Fri. 12/19/03
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Block II (9 a.m. MWF)	Block XIII (9:30 a.m. TH)	Block I (8 a.m. MWF)	Block XIV (11 a.m. TH)	Block III (10 a.m. MWF)
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Common Language*: French & Spanish	Block XV (12:30 p.m. TH)	Block V (12 p.m. MWF)	Block XVI (2 p.m. TH)	Block VI (2 p.m. MWF)
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Block IV (11 a.m. MWF)	Block XVII (3:20 p.m. TH)	Block VII (3 p.m. MWF)	Block XII (8 a.m. TH)	Block VIII (4 p.m. MWF)

**Evening Classes:** Blocks IX (5 p.m. MWF), X (6 p.m. MW), XI (7:30 p.m. MW), XVIII (4:40 p.m. TH), XIX (6 p.m. TH) and XX (7:30 p.m. TH) will hold exams at class times beginning Monday evening, Dec. 15.

\*Common Language: French meets in Smiddy 100; Spanish meets in Science 100

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The last release date for the month was Nov. 25, which saw the release of *X2: X-Men United* starring Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Ian McKellen, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Anna Paquin and James Marsden, who all starred in the first *X-Men* film.

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## Students Encouraged to Take Vaccine to Prevent Flu

Justin Doran

Staff Writer

Winter is upon us, and with it comes flu season. Influenza can come on very slowly with a multitude of symptoms, including head and muscle aches, chills, fevers, fatigue and dry cough. You are more likely to get the flu from being in concentrated areas of people, and for college students, this

usually means living in the dorms. There are several ways that you can protect yourself against the flu or fight against it if you get it.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the most common way to prevent the flu is by receiving a flu shot. It is recommended that a person get a flu shot annually as the virus tends to change from year to year.

Healthy people do not necessarily need to get a flu shot, although those that are in high risk areas should consider it. However, people who are allergic to eggs or have a history of Guillian-Barre Syndrome should not take the vaccine.

If you already suffer from the flu, you can take antiviral medications such as amantadine, rimantadine, zanamivir, or oseltamivir.

These medications do not cure the flu but can cut down on the time that you are infected. You can also take acetaminophens (such as Tylenol) or ibuprofen (such as Advil) to help lower fever and body aches.

Aspirin should not be given to anyone who has the flu, because it can cause Reyes Syndrome, which can result in vomiting or even death.

Decongestants can be taken if you have a stuffy nose. You should look for decongestants that contain a single ingredient, such as pseudoephedrine or phenylephrine.

It is also recommended that you get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids and abstain from smoking or drinking alcohol.

## PHI SIGMA RAISES MONEY FOR KIDNEY FOUNDATION

Michelle Brady

Staff Writer

Phi Sigma Sigma held their biannual Rock-a-Thon to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). Each fall and spring, sisters of the sorority sit in front of Reno's and Mosby's restaurants in rocking chairs and accept donations to send off to the NKF. This year, Phi Sigma Sigma collected over

three hundred dollars.

"We did not collect as much as we have in the past, but every little bit helps," said an unnamed member of the sorority.

The sorority will accept donations throughout the year, but their most profitable times are during the set Rock-a-Thon days.

Spring dates will be announced at a later time.

## SCARF IS WINTER'S 'ESSENTIAL' ACCESSORY

Jackie Mullins

Staff Writer

Now that the cold weather has arrived, we find ourselves wondering what to wear. The most essential accessory for the coming season is the scarf. Girls, as well as guys, can turn a boring outfit into a trendy fashion statement by just adding a scarf. Most people assume you can't wear a scarf without a jacket, but this is not the case this year. Scarves are being worn with shirts and sweaters as all-day accessories, not just as outerwear.

Speaking of outerwear, the classic pea coat is in style again this year, in all lengths and

colors. Suede is also back on the scene, especially when it's lined with faux fur and accented with embroidery. Finally, the ski coat, as always, is still popular and probably one's best choice for staying warm.

As far as everyday clothing is concerned, screen tees, cargo pants and corduroys are always safe choices for guys or girls. Also, the western-inspired button down shirts are definitely in style, although not always warm.

An additional new trend this season is the initial craze. Popular mainly among females, initials can be found on everything from sweaters and shirts to purses and cosmetic bags.

Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year!

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY WINTER BREAK!

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