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Crowning the queen...



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Above: Senior Jessica Adams is crowned UVa-Wise's 2005 Homecoming Queen by Chancellor David J. Prior and last year's Homecoming Queen, LaKeshia Bennet, at the Homecoming 2005 football game on Oct. 8. Jessica is an Administration of Justice major and is from Stafford.

Increase in gas prices affecting commuters

By Conchetta Peters
Staff Writer

Current rises in gas prices have UVa-Wise commuters speaking up. Many students have expressed their concerns about the gas price increase and the affects it has had on both their wallets and daily routines. Some students have even expressed ideas about what could help and about actions taken at other local colleges such as Mountain Empire Community College (MECC).

After Hurricane Katrina and Rita, gas prices rose from \$2.59 to \$2.99 in a matter of days. Students rushed to gas stations in order to fill their tanks in fear that the price of gas would go even higher. Currently, gas prices are still higher than average and students are feeling the affects even a month after Katrina made landfall.

UVa-Wise senior Doug Fleming drives from Clintwood three times a week. He estimates that he is spending \$18 a day, \$54 a week, and \$216 a month on driving to school alone. "I'm buying a new car, a more economical one that is better on gas," Fleming said, "I drive a Mustang GT and a Jeep Wrangler so they eat up the gas. Maybe this way I will come out better in the long run."

Senior Rhiannon Penley, a Theatre/Education major, drives approximately 18 miles from Big Stone Gap on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. "Gas prices have really hurt my wallet," said Penley, who has a five hour break between her day and night classes and finds herself making the commute twice daily.

Student Chris Russell is also a commuter from Big Stone. He too expresses financial distress now that gas prices have spiked. "I believe most professors should allow

some of the students to do at least one class a week on the net," stated Russell, who also mentioned that some professors at MECC are canceling their Friday classes to try to help students out.

Sociology major Melisha Alsup, a 26 year-old resident of Lee County drives approximately 100 miles a day to get to the College, spending \$13.50 on gas three times a week. "It's a have-to-situation: I have to go to college," explained Alsup, who took out extra student loans this year that have helped pay some of her gas expenses.

Even students who live on campus feel troubled by the increase in gas prices. "I want to go home, but I can't afford to," said Communication major Michelle Brady, a resident of Richmond.

"I carpool with my sister to help with gas prices," explained senior Communications major Varina Meade from Coeburn. Other students can see a silver lining to the gas price dilemma: "I console myself with the fact that less driving helps the environment," said senior Justin Byron.

Driving to college is unavoidable for most commuters attending UVa-Wise. However, there are some helpful tips that might lessen the expense of commuting that can be found on the *Columbia Star's* online newspaper at <http://www.thecolumbiastar.com/news/2005/0930/Business/055.html>. More information about car maintenance can be found on the Car Care Council website at <http://www.carcare.org>. Want some more advice? Walk, rollerblade, or ride a bike when you can. This not only saves gas and money, but it promotes a healthy lifestyle and environment.

CAMPUS LIFE

A closer look at Facebook, the Internet service provided for college students

Curious as to what Facebook is? Two of our staff writers explain the pros and cons of Facebook. The inspection can be found on page 2.

ENTERTAINMENT



Nintendo DS gets to play with vampires, another anime series gets a video game

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SPORTS

Cavs win an away game over Fall Break

Want play-by-play details of the game? The football story is on page 4.

BULLETIN BOARD

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Wednesday, Oct. 26
- Intramural Flag Football
Wednesday, Oct. 26
- International Club Movie
Night: Talk to Her
Wednesday, Oct. 26
Smiddy Hall 100
8 p.m.
- NBA Fantasy Basketball Draft
Thursday, Oct. 27
5th floor Slomp Student Center
8 p.m.
- RHA Rookoberfest
Friday, Oct. 28
- Paintball Blast: Alternative Sport
Saturday, Oct. 29
Blountville, TN
- Fall Open House
Saturday, Oct. 29
Registration in Greener Gymnasium
9 a.m.
- Greek Bowl
Sunday, Oct. 30

Intramural Flag Football Tournament Begins
Monday, Oct. 31-Wednesday, Nov. 2

Diversity Career Fair @ UVA
Tuesday, Nov. 1

Music Faculty Recital
Wednesday, Nov. 2
Chapel of All Faiths
1 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Intramural H2O Basketball & Volleyball Registration: Deadline & Captain's Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 3
3rd floor Slomp Student Center
5:30 p.m.

Alumni Athletic Super Raffle
Saturday, Nov. 5

Alumni Awards & Athletics Hall of Fame Inductions
Saturday, Nov. 5

9th Annual UVA-Wise Flag Football Scramble
Sunday, Nov. 6

Hearts Tourney
Monday, Nov. 7
Slomp Student Center Game Room
1 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Alumni Board Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 8

Intramural Volleyball
Tuesday, Nov. 8-Thursday, Nov. 10

Intramural H2O Basketball
Tuesday, Nov. 8-Thursday, Nov. 10

Up 'til Dawn Letter Writing Party
Wednesday, Nov. 9

Workshop for High School Athletes
Wednesday, Nov. 9

Editorial: how does price work?

By Zack Webb
Guest Writer

Gas prices are putting the hurt on college students everywhere, sometimes jumping 20 cents or more in a matter of hours, leaving us to try to read the tea leaves and wonder how it all works. The high gas prices have been blamed on everything from greed to Japan's Yakuza mafia's KGB weather machine that created and aimed Hurricane Katrina's wrath upon our refineries! The truth, however, is much simpler and requires only the slightest of economic knowledge.

Everyone wants more than they can have. To an economist, this is considered scarcity, and is the central concept in the field of economics. We generally use price to determine who gets what or, in economics parlance, the

"allocation of scarce resources". Let's use an example: land is a resource, so it is scarce. Desirable land, like ocean front property, is scarcer, so it commands a higher price.

Price also works as an incredibly large and efficient communication tool. When price goes up it sends a signal to consumers to buy less and producers to produce more. The beauty of it all is that we don't have to know why the price has changed, just that it has changed, and our behavior should reflect it. For example, did you know that twelve refineries have shut down due to the hurricanes, representing 3.0 million barrels of oil, or, 1.3 million barrels of gasoline, of refining capacity per day? Do you know how the transportation infrastructure

has been affected or, for that matter, how many gallons are in a barrel? (42) The point being that, as innocuous as it seems, price holds a vast amount of information that otherwise would be impossible to comprehend.

What happens when price is not used to "allocate scarce resources"? Since price isn't the problem, just the messenger, the problem (scarcity) remains and something else has to fill the void. In primitive times, physical force decided who got what, but today we generally look for something that is deemed "fair". The housing lottery at UVA-Wise, for example, was a method of determining who got housing and who didn't. Waiting in queue (i.e. getting in line) might be good for a picnic, but not so good if it's for socialized

medicine. Can you imagine waiting in line for cancer treatment and not being treated until it was terminal? It happened in Great Britain. A communist economy is an economy that tries to work without price. Trust me, it doesn't. Price without freedom is compulsion. The bottom line is that when price is not allowed to work, the alternatives don't work as well either and are decidedly unfair.

What can you do about high gas prices? Short term, not much can be done except be understanding. However, long term, you should support energy friendly legislation. For example, the process to build a refinery in the U.S. is so cumbersome and expensive that a new refinery hasn't

been built since 1976, and the total number of refineries has dropped from 325 in 1981 to 146 today as our oil demand has increased 25% since 1976. What NOT to do about high gas prices? Price controls. They are dumb. Ask both Presidents Nixon and Carter and the State of Hawaii, who each enacted them and found waiting lines and gas shortages. Maybe someone should tell Rick Boucher (D), who just supported the F.R.E.E. Act: a modern day version of federal price controls.

1 Seriously. Google "Katrina weather machine"
2 EIA Daily Report 9.29.05

A new internet service designed for the college crowd is getting more popular

By Sarah Lawson and Honi Jordan
Staff Writers

The emerging phenomenon of the computer service for students called Facebook (www.thefacebook.com) was implemented at UVA-Wise about one month ago.

What is Facebook? It is "an online directory that connects people through social networks at schools," according to the Facebook website. This online directory is a growing addiction for many students.

Facebook allows you to create a profile, add a picture, and connect to anyone associated with the College. Not only can you search students at UVA-Wise, but you can also search for students from other colleges across the nation and add them as your friends. Anyone who has a College e-mail address can sign up, including faculty and staff.

Facebook differs from similar internet services (e.g. MySpace.com) by allowing you the right to reject random friend finders. Just because someone adds you does not mean you are automatically linked to them. Facebook is also unique because of its "poke" feature. No one is sure what this feature is, even the creators of the website (as stated in the FAQ's).

You can showcase your favorite movies, books and quotes on Facebook as

well as take a peek at the relationship status and political views of most users. Another interesting feature includes being able to write on a user's wall. You can also assess if and how you are connected to a particular user through your friends or classes. Facebook almost comes across as an online dating service.

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"I think that Facebook has both positive and negative aspects," said senior Joey Perry, "The positive includes you can meet people with similar interests and political affiliation, but a negative is that some people might be making too much information available."

Facebook's privacy section also mentions that they can sell your information to other websites without the user's permission.

The benefit of a service like Facebook is that you can search for people in your classes and get together to study. You can also read up on their profiles so you know more about them.

UVA-Wise 2005 graduate Breanne Dotson helps careers

By Priscilla Holbrook and Jessica Domsy
Staff Writers

Attention UVA-Wise students: Jumpstart your career by going to see Coordinate for Career Placement Breanne Dotson! Breanne is a native of Coeburn and she graduated from UVA-Wise in 2005 with a B.A. in Communication.

After interning this past summer at University

Directories in Bristol, Va, Breanne was hired for a new position as the Coordinate for Career Placement here at the College.

Breanne helps students find internships, externships, part-time and/or full-time work. The Career Counselors also help students write resumes, conduct mock interviews, and apply for

graduate school. Most importantly, the Career Counselors help students find their career path.

The Career Counseling Services are available in the Center for Student Development, located on the bottom floor of Cantrell Hall. For more information, please contact Breanne Dotson at 376-1005.



Left: Breanne Dotson is UVA-Wise's Coordinate for Career Placement. She and the Career Counselors of UVA-Wise help students find their individual career paths.

PET ADOPTIONS

Right: Casey is a lab/chow mix approximately 5 years old. He has been neutered and will be up to date on shots. Casey has a wonderful temperament, easy-going, likes to be near you, loves people and is great with kids. He is house-trained and can stay either inside or out. His owner rescued him from the pound, but just isn't home enough to give him the love, play and care like she knows he deserves. Casey and all his toys and upkeep items are free to just the right home. Contact Lora at dlxie_mois@yahoo.com or call 276-328-5313 (Wise).



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PAWS Holiday Event:

Local PAWS will be decorating wooden dog and cat ornaments for a tree at the Southwest Virginia Museum in Big Stone Gap for the Museum's Christmas event. Anyone interested can put their pet's name on an ornament for \$2, as well as choose the ornament's color. PAWS will also be offering a "Santa Paws" event: pictures of your pet with Santa, although other options will also be available to choose from. The date and location for the "Santa Paws" event has not yet been decided. For more information about these two events, please contact Jo Anne Harding by e-mail at jh8ua@uvawise.edu or by phone at (276) 328-0289. Her office is located in Smiddy Hall, room 239.

OVER THE HORIZON

COMING TO THEATERS
Friday, Oct. 28

The Legend of Zorro
An action/adventure sequel starring Antonio Banderas and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Rated PG for sequences of violence/peril and action, language and a couple of suggestive moments.

Prime
A romantic comedy starring Meryl Streep and Uma Thurman. Rated PG-13 for sexual content including dialogue, and for language.

The Weather Man
A drama/comedy starring Nicolas Cage and Michael Caine. Rated R for strong language and sexual content.

Friday, Nov. 4

Chicken Little
An animated action/adventure comedy featuring the voice of Zach Braff. Rated G.

Jarhead
A drama starring Jake Gyllenhaal. Rated R for some pervasive language, some violent images and strong sexual content.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Get Rich or Die Tryin'
A musical/performing arts drama starring 50 Cent. Rated R for strong violence, pervasive language, drug content, sexuality and nudity.

COMING SOON TO DVD

Tuesday, Nov. 1

Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith
A science fiction epic starring Ewan McGregor and Hayden Christensen. Rated PG-13 for sci-fi violence and some intense images.

The Perfect Man
A romantic comedy starring Hilary Duff and Heather Locklear. Rated PG for some mildly suggestive content.

Millions
A sci-fi/fantasy comedy/drama starring James Neffitt. Rated PG for thematic elements, language, some peril and mild sensuality.

COMING SOON IN GAMES

Tuesday, Oct. 25

Ratchet: Deadlocked
Console: PS2
Genre: Action
T for Teen

Spartan: Total Warrior
Consoles: GC, PS2, X-Box
Genre: Action
M for Mature

Taiko Legends
Consoles: PS2, X-Box, PC
Genre: Compilation
T for Teen

Monday, Oct. 31

City of Villains
Console: PC
Genre: RPG
T for Teen

Tuesday, Nov. 1

NBA 06
Consoles: PSP, PS2
Genre: Sports
E for Everyone

PRESS PLAY THE DS PLAYS WITH VAMPIRES, ANOTHER ANIME GETS A GAME

Previews

Castlevania: Dawn of Sorrow
Publisher: Konami
Console: DS
Genre: Action
ESRB Rating: T for Teen



By Audra Bowling
Entertainment Editor

The Castlevania series has always been praised for its combination of role-playing elements with action game play, giving gamers a chance to explore complex maps rife with monstrous creatures and powerful items and weapons. The storyline of this title takes place a year after the events of the GBA Castlevania game, Aria of Sorrow: with the main hero Soma Cruz doing battle with a cult that plans to sacrifice him in order to bring about a new dark lord.

One element that remains from Aria of Sorrow is the Tactical Soul system. By acquiring the souls of defeated enemies, players will be able to learn new techniques. Defeating enemies will also give players experience points that will help to strengthen Soma. Some souls that are acquired through this system will utilize the stylus on a player's location. The stylus is also utilized in the new Magic Seal system, where players draw out special seals in order to defeat boss opponents.

While game play action is shown on the bottom screen, the top screen of the DS is utilized in Dawn of Sorrow to display character

information and a map that adjusts as players explore further. Because Castlevania games are known for their complex and sometimes confusing playing areas, the map will prove instrumental in helping players remember the locations of important rooms and will also help them to figure out how to reach secret areas.

Castlevania: Dawn of Sorrow looks to be an in-depth action game that both fans of the Castlevania series and newcomers to the story are sure to enjoy.

One Piece: Grand Battle
Publisher: Bandai
Console: GC, GBA, PS2
Genre: 3D Platformer/Fighting
ESRB Rating: T for Teen



One Piece is a popular anime that is currently being shown on Cartoon Network's Toonami schedule on Saturday nights. The main storyline focuses on an enthusiastic and simple-minded boy named Monkey D. Luffy who wishes to become King of the Pirates. As a child, Luffy ended up eating a legendary fruit that turned his body into rubber—making him super-stretchy. Unfortunately the fruit's curse made it so that Luffy is unable to swim. Undaunted by this challenge, Luffy manages to

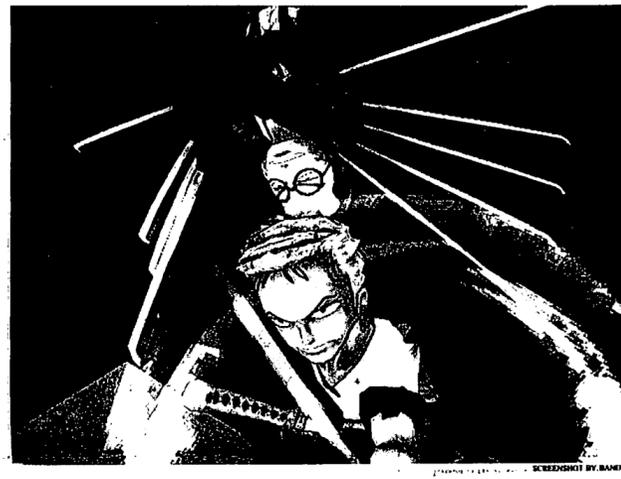
put together a small but strong crew of unlikely characters, and sets out to fulfill his dreams of finding the ultimate treasure, hidden in the mysterious and dangerous One Piece.

Grand Battle manages to retain much of the same feeling of the TV show. The super-deformed graphics are reminiscent of the bizarre settings and character designs that the series has to offer, and the characters move and react in much the same way as they

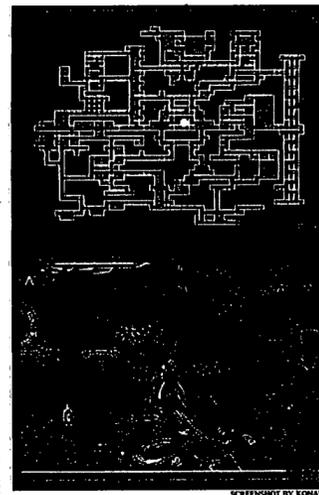
do on television. Gameplay is very similar to Capcom's Powerstone: the roster consists of 16 characters from the anime with their own unique moves, along with 32 support characters, do battle in colorful, multi-tiered arenas, while at the same time trying to find power-ups hidden throughout the field and avoid arena hazards. The action in this game is hectic and the graphics are incredibly colorful.

Grand Battle can be an addicting and fun fighting game, the lack of gameplay modes tends to make the title seem too short. Both fans of One Piece and newcomers alike will probably find something enjoyable in Grand Battle, however it's advisable that players give this game a rent first before shelling out the cash for a game that could be completed in a short amount of time.

While One Piece:



Above: Players can take part in the crazy battles and zany characters of the One Piece anime with the multi-platform title One Piece: Grand Battle.



Left: Castlevania: Dawn of Sorrow utilizes both screens of the Nintendo DS. The bottom screen displays all of the action, while the top screen shows a detailed map of the area. The map proves extremely during the course of the game.



Above: Say "Hello" to Soma Cruz and the rest of the cast of the Nintendo DS action game Castlevania: Dawn of Sorrow. The game's story picks up a year after the events in the GBA game Castlevania: Aria of Sorrow and is probably not to be missed by fans of Konami's beloved Castlevania series.

Want to write for The Highland Cavalier? We're currently in need of more writers and section editors. Interested? Please contact Audrey Bowling at acb4z@uvawise.edu.

GAME SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Sat., Oct. 29
Home vs. Cumberland College
5:00 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 11
Home vs. Pikeville College
5:00 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Tues., Oct. 25
Home vs. Brevard College
6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 27
At Union College
6:30 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 1
Home vs. Va. Intermont
6:30 p.m.

AAC Conference Tournament
Nov. 10-12
TBA

Cavs football wins on the road

By Daniel Leehy
Sports Editor

The Highland Cavalier football team traveled to Rome, Georgia to take on Shorter College in a special Thursday night game on Oct. 20. UVa-Wise entered the game 3-4, looking to take out first year program, Shorter College, and even their season record to .500 (4-4). This game also marked the comeback of first year starting quarterback Randy Hippeard, who was sorely missed while he was injured for four games.

The Cavaliers had many stars of the day, including Hippeard and

running back Ra'Shad Morgan, who scored late in the first quarter on a 5-yard pass from Hippeard after a 12 play, 80 yard drive. In the second quarter, Hakeem Abdul-Saboor rushed for a 2-yard touchdown and Ray Damm added a late field goal after an almost 7 minute drive. UVa-Wise led 15-7 going into halftime.

The Highland Cavaliers made a huge statement opening up the second half. Hippeard drove his team 79 yards on 13 plays, taking 7:30 off the clock. Tremayne Edwards the drive with a 7-yard

touchdown run, putting the Cavaliers up by 15. Ra'Shad Morgan added his second touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter to extend their lead to 29-15. After two late touchdowns by Shorter College and a late missed FG, the Cavaliers came away victorious with a 29-27 win.

Randy Hippeard's numbers weren't spectacular (14-23, 159 yds, 1 TD), but he managed the game and didn't turn the ball over. Wise out-gained Shorter College 248-191 in rushing yards, which was a huge feat. Another big stat in the game was Shorter throwing 2 interceptions and

UVa-Wise throwing none. Wise also controlled the ball for almost 40 minutes, 20 more than Shorter College and the Cavaliers went 5-5 inside the redzone.

Ra'Shad Morgan had an excellent game, rushing the ball 20 times for 116 yards and a touchdown, while also catching 3 passes for 54 yards and a touchdown. Hakeem Abdul-Saboor added 38 yards receiving and 39 yards rushing with a touchdown.

The real star of the game was linebacker Corey Wheeler, who had 9 tackles and 2 interceptions. Wheeler, a 6'2 linebacker from

Manassas (Stonewall Jackson High School) is second on the team in tackles and leads the team in interceptions. Donnie Avant also added 11 tackles and Bryan Tolbert had a sack and a fumble recovery.

The Highland Cavaliers managed to go on the road and come away with a tough win, evening their record to 4-4 and 1-1 in the Mid South Conference. The Cavaliers play next on Saturday, Oct. 29, at homey Carl Smith Stadium against The University of the Carolinas at 5 p.m.

STANDINGS

Football Standings

EAST DIVISION (MISC)

	DIVISION		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Pikeville College	1	0	5	0
Cumberland (KY)	1	3	6	1
Georgetown College	1	0	4	0
UVa-Wise	1	1	4	4
Union College	0	2	2	2
Shorter College	0	2	2	5

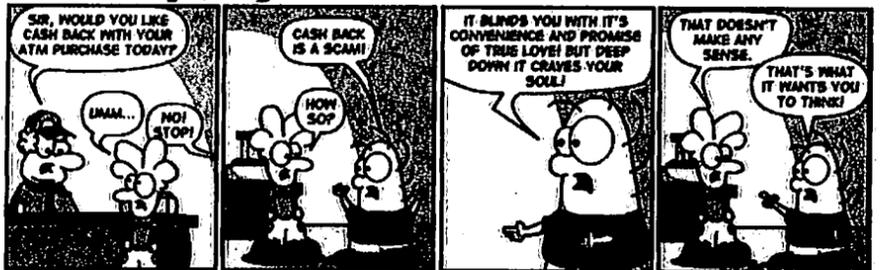
Volleyball Standings

	AAC	Overall
Brevard	13-1	16-1
King	12-2	15-2
UVa-Wise	12-5	15-7
Millingan	9-4	13-8
Montreat	8-7	9-16
Va. Intermont	6-7	13-7
Bryan	5-8	10-15
Covington	5-9	8-13
Emory	5-9	8-14
Bluefield	3-7	6-18
Tennessee Wesleyan	2-12	4-15

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2005 Major League Baseball Playoffs

Division Series (best of five):

National League

Atlanta Braves (NL East Champs) vs. Houston Astros (NL Wild Card)

Houston wins series 3-1

St. Louis Cardinals (NL Central Champions) vs. San Diego Padres (NL West Champs)

St. Louis wins series 3-0

American League

New York Yankees (AL East Champs) vs. L. A. Angels of Anaheim (NL West Champs)

L.A. wins series 3-2

Chicago White Sox (AL Central Champs) vs. Boston Red Sox (AL Wild Card)

Chicago wins series 3-0

League Championship Series (best of seven):

National League

Houston Astros vs. St. Louis Cardinals

Houston wins series 4-2

American League

L.A. Angels of Anaheim vs. Chicago White Sox

Chicago wins series 4-1

World Series (best of seven):

Chicago White Sox vs. Houston Astros (October 22-30**)

** Some games if necessary

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Online Registration!!!
Starting in November
for
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