Wise celebrates Fall Fling this weekend

By Jenna Powers
Staff Writer

Wise County will hold its 28th annual Famous Fall Fling this Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 and 8, in downtown Wise-offering arts and crafts, a 5K race, a car show, a fashion show, wine tasting, music, and more.

The Fall Fling will include more than 100 vendors from Virginia and surrounding states, said Bonnie Akers, a member of the Fall Fling committee and one of the college’s alums.

“Through this festival, we’re creating community involvement with churches, schools, arts, businesses, etc. and it’s opening the door of Zehmer 125 could be the beginning of an international program.

The Fall Fling activities slated for Friday include tours and a wine tasting event from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Mountain Rose Vineyard, and a spaghetti dinner at 5 p.m. sponsored by the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Musical performances— including a street dance— will be held on both Saturday and Sunday. The street dance, on Saturday at 5 p.m. will feature a performance by the Front Street Band, playing a mix of music from the ‘60s and ‘70s.

“Everything and anything you should visit, have a good time and enjoy yourself, that’s what entertainment is all about,” said Susanna Hyder, a member of the Front Street Band. “It’s great, every town should have a festival,” she said.

The theme of this year’s Fall Fling is Wise County’s Segregation Centennial. In honor of Wise County’s 150th year, the Historical Society will be in attendance to help with research, and the Gladville Chapter of the Eastern Star will have a Coal Heritage Showcase featuring coal mining memorabilia, coal memorabilia, prizes, and more.

For more information on Wise County’s Fall Fling please call 276-679-4043 (day), 276-677-2456 (night), or go to www.wisefallprising.com.

Money stolen from faculty

By Justin Sorensen
Staff Writer

An unidentified man entered the offices of six college faculty members in late September and stole purses and cash, according to e-mails sent to the college’s employees last month.

“In each instance, individual(s) entered un­ locked faculty offices and removed money from purses or removed the pocketbooks with all of the contents,” Professor Gil Blackborn told faculty and staff in a Sept. 22 e-mail message.

One victim, Sheila Mullins, an instructor in the Department of Language and Literature, said she first realized money had been taken from her desk when she was preparing to go to lunch and noticed money missing.

Earlier in the day she said she had been out of her office. When she asked him if he could help him, she said that he replied: “No thanks. Wrong office.”

“I checked my office on my return and nothing was missing,” Mullins said so I believed that the gentle­ man may have just walked into the wrong office until I looked into my desk for some lunch money (which was missing),” McNeil said.

“I was just seconds from going to the other side of the building red-handed,” she said.

Campus police Chief Stephen McCoy warned faculty and staff in a Sept. 21 e-mail that they should secure personal items in their offices and keep office doors locked.

Wolny said.

For bilateral programs like ISEP, the college subscribes to a network of universities from around the world. Under those agreements, our students can pay their UVa-Wise tuition and spend a semester or even a year at a foreign school, while a student from that school replaces them here, Wolny said.

Wolny said the college is also signing bilateral agreements with individual universities such as, Monterey Tech, University Santiago de Chile, the University of Wales, and Kansas Gaudi University in Japan. And, soon students will get the chance to choose countries in which to study, including England, Belgium, and even China, Wolny said. So, there will be people from more and more diverse cultures on our campus while our college’s students travel to theirs.

Wolny said his office has already received more than

New study abroad opportunities for college’s students

By Simon Henry
Staff Writer

Until recently, the prospect of spending a semester abroad may have been a distant and somewhat intimidating dream for most of the college’s students. High prices, shaky grade transfers, and limited choices are now a thing of the past, thanks to Wolny, the new head of the foreign exchange program.

This semester, for those who dare, walking through the door of Zehmer 125 could be the beginning of an international experience.

Wolny, a teaching fellow in the Department of Language and Literature, and a member of the college’s faculty for five years, was approached by the college earlier this year with the idea of reducing his teaching duties and beginning the expansion of the college’s international programs.

And, directing such a program is not something new for Wolny—he oversaw similar programs in Spain before he came to Wise.

In Spain I almost had to fight for people’s interest in such programs,” he said. “Here, the college has ‘good vibrations’ to use a Romanian phrase. People are much more enthusiastic towards the idea of increased exchange at UVa-Wise.

Students at the college may have noticed that more faces from around the world are beginning to appear on campus, and more of our own disappearing. Our students are now going to schools in Spain, Mexico, and Turkey.

Wolny said he hopes that by informing people of how easily and cheaply foreign exchange can be accomplished, more of the college’s students will realize that they have to be patient.

One of the problems the college faces when trying to create better parking is funding. “Parking improvement is not paid for out of money that Virginia provides to college,” said Wolny. “Funding for parking improvements and the campus’s seven full­time police comes from the purchase of parking decals and parking fines. Parking improvement is also paid for in part out of unallocated student activity fees.”

Other campuses have more parking issues than we do here. “Compared to other campuses, our park­ ing to driver ratio is about 1 to 1.25. Last year there were 1566 parking spaces and 1565 vehicles registered to students, faculty, and staff. Not everyone can have a parking space,” Wolny said.

There are three main zones for student parking: the football stadium (primarily for freshmen and sophomores), the commu­ nity lot and the Greer lot. However, students are not happy with the way things are.

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From the Editor's Desk

To: “A Very Concerned College Student”

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Cavs seek revenge against Lambuth

By Cody Dilton
Staff Writer

The Highland Cavalcade will be holding its annual football game on Friday, Oct. 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Rice Stadium, home of the Cavalcade. The game will be between the Cavalcade and the Lambuth University football team. The Cavalcade has a history of winning against Lambuth, and the team is looking forward to continuing this tradition.

The Cavalcade will be looking to get back on track after last week's loss to the Eagles. The Cavalcade scored two touchdowns in the game, but failed to capitalize on their opportunities. The Cavalcade is looking to put this game behind them and focus on the upcoming game against Lambuth.

Top ten ways for winning at IM flag football

By Whitney Bailey
Staff Writer

Even though the word "football" is in the title, flag football is extremely different from American football. Not surprisingly, the strategies for winning differ as well. Although Mark Davis, the intramural and recreation coordinator, offers his top ten keys to winning at football.

Rule #1: Take the ball deep. "If you don't have the ball, you don't have a chance," Davis said. "You need to get the ball in the hands of your team and start the offensive process." The Cavalcade is looking to take advantage of their opponents' weaknesses and capitalize on opportunities.

Rule #2: Play a zone defense. "One teammate can help another out if their person has them beat," Davis said. "Zone play narrows energy and strength which is critical." Davis emphasizes the importance of playing defense and utilizing the zone defense to cover a large area of the field.

Rule #3: Put somebody in action. "Throw the defense off by putting a player in motion," Davis said. "When the defense is running a zone, this makes them wonder who will have the ball and when they need to shift." The Cavalcade is looking to create confusion and capitalize on opportunities.

Rule #4: Don't always keep an eye on your opponent. "Short passes are safe plays," Davis said. "Short completions have a high chance of gaining yardage than deep passes." The Cavalcade is looking to keep the ball moving and capitalize on opportunities.

Rule #5: Play defense. "Always keep a player in motion, and whenever the ball has whomever the ball has, they can control the ball back to their teammates," Davis said. "A play like this could result in getting the first down or even a touchdown." The Cavalcade is looking to create opportunities for themselves and their teammates.

Rule #6: Hold the ball out. "If the defense strips the ball from the offensive then it is a 10-yard penalty," Davis said. "The ball's position determines the spot—not where a player is on the field. Flags have a 35-foot area where you can fly your flag," Davis said. The Cavalcade is looking to create opportunities for themselves and their teammates.

Rule #7: Keep your eye on the flag. "-If you fly the flag wrong, you would be a teacher," Davis said. "Sharpe's message to anybody who comes to UVA Wise is to work hard and expect to have a healthy workforce. "It's a different atmosphere," he said. "You really have to buckle down. You may not have the same chemistry in the same class." Sharpe said that the Cavalcade is looking to continue their winning streak and continue to improve.

Rule #8: Hold steady. "If you don't have chemistry, one apple can ruin the whole bunch," Davis said. "If you don't have chemistry, one apple can ruin the whole bunch."

Rule #9: Be a team. "The only people who would think this is such a thing as team chemistry in these individual-oriented sports believe that chemistry is important to their success," Davis said. "In football, you're not going to play well, they're not going to play well, and you're not going to play well for each other during a match," Davis said. "If you don't have chemistry, one apple can ruin the whole bunch."

Rule #10: Work as one. "As a team, you must work as a cohesive unit in order to achieve your goal. If a shortstop's girlfriend is sleeping with the pitcher, how well can many double plays do you think they're going to turn?" Davis said. "If chemistry is not going to take care of the individual, then the chemistry is going to take care of the entire team and the result will be the same."

Rule #11: Play smart. "Knowledge of the rules can make the difference," Davis said. "You can study the rules and get the advantage of the team if they are understood clearly."

Rule #12: Work for the player. "The regular season is a" regular season to get seeded for the "regular season," Davis said. "Even if your team is not going to the playoffs, your regular season is still going to be important for your next opponent and see what your team needs to do differently against them."

Are you interested in joining The Highland Cavaller? Staff meetings are held Tuesday in Zehmer 137 at 7 p.m.