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Students and faculty look to recharge over break

By Julie Kaye Shortt
Staff Writer

It's now eight weeks into the fall semester and students are ready for a break from college.

Many students cannot believe that it is time for Fall Break.

Where has this semester gone?

"I cannot believe it is already that time of year again," said junior Holly Mullins. "It seems like we just started the semester a few weeks ago."

Some students plan on catching up on sleep and homework during their break from school.

"I look forward to catching up on sleep and just staying at home," said junior Holly Kennedy. "However, I will be working on homework and research papers."

Freshman Jillian Baker has similar plans in mind for the week off.

"I want to sleep," she said. "Also, I look forward to spending time with my family and going white water rafting at the Breaks."

Junior Chandra Booker said she just wants to take it easy over break.

"But there may not be time to relax," she said, noting that over break she has to complete 20 hours of student-teacher observations at Castlewood High School and work

on research papers.

Other students plan on working during fall break.

"I will be working all fall break," said Kacie Jessee, a freshman majoring in communication. "I really just want time to rest and not worry about school."

The college's football players will not be going much of anywhere over the week-long break. They have two key home games to concentrate on.

"I look forward to a break from classes," said Ryan Vanover, a sophomore defensive back on the team. "We still have to lift weights, practice and work to stay in shape for the games during the break."

Vanover said he would still enjoy the break around practice time.

"I may try to go hunting on my day off," he said.

And, the college's faculty? Do professors get a break this next week?

"I am taking a week to do research on my papers I have been working on in order to submit to journals," said Nicholas Kiersey, a teaching fellow of political science.

Kiersey said he would like to take a trip to New York, but due to lack of time he may just spend the week in Blacksburg with some friends from college.

Mid-October tests a reason for hitting the books



Photos by Daniel Robinson

Senior Andrew Stanley and Junior Matt Sinnes comfortably study for their mid-terms in the second floor lounge of Darden Hall on Oct. 10

Author addresses freshman class about "truth" and "war"

By Allie Robinson
Staff Writer

The Pulitzer Prize nominated author of "The Things They Carried" spoke to students, faculty and community members in a public lecture at the college on Oct. 5.

Tim O'Brien, author of eight books including the one that this year's freshman are required to read for freshman seminar, spoke to the campus community about the concept of truth and the connections between the Vietnam War and the current war in Iraq.

"In a way, 'The Things They Carried' is a kind of lie, it didn't happen," O'Brien said. "And yet, I hope you felt something that may not happen in the world we live in and yet is felt by all of us."

O'Brien read aloud a chapter of the book, "Ambush," which is about a man who struggles with the realities of war and death.

"This might have a relevance to some of you," O'Brien said to students. "Real soon some of you might learn the ultimate and

only reality of war. It is murder, sanctioned homicide."

Many of O'Brien's have been read in colleges and high schools as course material. O'Brien said he felt this was because a lot of what he writes about concerns war.

"It's pertinent because of the war now," he said. "In our age, the decisions we're facing now are not unlike those that we faced in Vietnam."

Freshman Shamerine Burks said she felt there was a lesson to O'Brien's novel and talk.

"The truth is not absolute," O'Brien, page 2

Junior Emily Witucki grabs a coffee from the Books & Brew Cafe while studying in Campbell S. Edmonds Reading Room of the library on Oct. 10.



International students discuss immigration issues

By Drew Lyon
Staff Writer

The college hosted a student panel discussion on Monday, Oct. 8, offering international students the opportunity to share their experiences with others.

"We hope to break the ice between the American students and the international students," said Elena Klinova, a Russian transfer student and organizer of the event.

The panel was made up of students from Russia, Kenya, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Turkey, Columbia, and Nepal.

Despite their diverse backgrounds, many international students said they faced similar challenges upon arriving in America.

"It was my first day of high school [in America] and

I did not know the language at all," said Inmar Romero, who grew up in El Salvador.

Many of the panel members cited weather as a difficult adjustment.

"When I arrived, I thought the airport was painted white," said Shadrack Nthusi, from Kenya, when he experienced snow for the first time.

Students spoke openly about their reasons for coming to America.

The opportunity for a better education and higher quality of life persuaded Meron Belachew and Melaku Efrim to leave their homes in Ethiopia at young ages.

Efrim said he hopes to return home to return home and use his college education to help provide for his family back home.

One student had a different motivation for leaving

her home country of Columbia.

"I came to America looking for a husband...ten years later we are together and happy," said Olga Hayes, a nontraditional student who admits she is old enough to be most student's mother.

Hayes offered advice to international students facing ignorance or hostility.

"Be yourself, if they don't like you, move on," she said.

All panel members spoke kindly about their experiences so far at the college.

"In Istanbul we have as many as 300 people in one class," said Ahmet Tas, a Turkish exchange student here for his second year.

"Here there is a personal relationship between students and professors."



Photo by Gillian Huang-Tiller

Inmar Romero and Jaquelin Rodriguez talk about their native country of El Salvador with students and faculty at the international student panel on Oct. 8.

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Noted author talks about writing with Comm majors

By Stephanie Ring Staff Writer
A small group of faculty and students were treated to a one-on-one session with Tim O'Brien, author of "The Things They Carried", on Friday, Oct. 5.
The discussion began with O'Brien providing background information on his life and career as a writer. Afterwards, he took time to answer questions.
O'Brien said he does not consider himself a war writer although many of his books revolve around his experiences in Vietnam.

College's emergency Web site up, text-messaging considered

By Stephanie Skeen & Shannon Chappell Staff Writers
Since the Virginia Tech shooting this past spring, many schools have been updating their campus security and thinking of new ways to deal with emergencies. UVA-Wise is no exception to this.
The UVA-Wise Crisis Management Team was formed to address serious problems that may occur on campus.
The eight member team is made up of Gary Julhan, Keith Fowlkes, Roger Hagy, Jr., Joe Kiser, Steve McCoy, John Reeves, Lora Williams, and Jewell Worley.
"We were starting to think about it because of the avian flu" said Hagy, director of college relations. "If Virginia Tech events, encouraged it a lot. We're trying to consider anything that might occur."

You can visit the emergency response website at www.vtc.edu

Parallels between the two worlds

O'Brien said he has written about war in Vietnam, but he has also written about war in Iraq. He said he has written about war in Iraq because he has seen the same things in Iraq that he has seen in Vietnam. He said he has written about war in Iraq because he has seen the same things in Iraq that he has seen in Vietnam.

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OPINION

From the Editor's Desk

Hispanic Heritage: A Forgotten Custom

I would venture a guess that the large majority of people reading this column do not know that this is Hispanic Heritage Month.
I would also guess that many people reading this column don't care that it is Hispanic Heritage Month.
No one that I have talked to about this topic knows that such a month even exists. You can hardly blame any of these people because the celebration is not a heavily publicized event in the media and especially not in this area where the Latin presence is next to nothing.



Daniel Robinson Editor in Chief

Just to fill you in, Hispanic Heritage Week was first established by Lyndon Johnson before being extended to a month long celebration by Ronald Reagan.
What is interesting about the month is that it is not really a month at all - not one full month at least. The period begins on Sept. 15 and ends on Oct. 15. This is because many Latin American countries celebrate their independence days on Sept. 15 - including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua with Mexico and Chile celebrating it one or two days after the 15th, according to Wikipedia.
So the question becomes "Why isn't this a bigger deal?"
This is supposed to be a time for all Hispanics to celebrate their heritage and culture as well as recognize major contributions of Hispanic Americans to society.
Every February the college hosts numerous events during Black History Month in celebration of Black culture.
Why can't the same be done to celebrate Hispanic culture?
Granted, the reason for this may be the fact that Hispanic students make up about 1.7 percent of the student population on campus compared to the 7.4 percent that make up the African American population.
With so few Hispanic students, it's hard to justify a massive celebration.
Combine that with the fact that there are only a handful of Hispanic professors on campus and you're left with no one to take the lead on such a major undertaking as celebrating this time.

Pistol Packin' Professors

By Eric Vanover Opinion Editor

Here's the situation. A woman, recently divorced, finds herself threatened by her ex-husband at her place of work. She then decides that in light of this fear, for the safety of herself and those at her workplace, it would make her feel safer if she could carry a weapon with her at all times.
She takes all the proper measures to legally obtain the weapon and carry it. The administration at her work place decides it is inappropriate for her to carry the weapon at work. She replies that it is legal under state law and that it is also her Second Amendment right to do so. The administration remains firm on its decision. A lawsuit follows.
Here's the catch. The woman who wishes to express her Second Amendment right is a high school teacher in Oregon.
Perhaps you can imagine the swirl of controversy that has been raised because of this peculiar situation. For example last Friday the Second Amendment Foundation, a national organization that is committed to the education about and protection of the Second Amendment, announced full support for the Oregon high school teacher.
On the other hand, Sen. Senator Tim Waid, a Democratic senator from Oregon, and last year's gubernatorial candidate, announced plans to propose legislation that would prevent school shootings and other such violence.
I am completely firm on the issue. So I will turn to you the readers for thoughts on the subject of guns and their place in schools. After all, as students should be the one most concerned with the issue at hand and family with our safety.
I look forward to reading your replies.

What do you think of when someone says to you "we need to talk"?

Sarah McDonald Freshman Elementary Education
"Something is going to change in the relationship if my boyfriend said it."
Aaron Terry Sophomore Administrative Justice
If an instructor said it I'm failing the class.



Katie Arnett Freshman Environmental Science

You Are A Music Thief

By Jonathan Harrop Arkansas Traveler (U Arkansas)
I WIRE FAYETTEVILLE. A tip CD is 3 mp3s and I have music I download then I tip them back to my other computers I put music from CD's I've purchased onto my iPod after I swapped it. Before that I burned mp3 CD's so I could make pump up CD's for events meets and driving mixes for random mad trips.
Hello, my name is Jonathan. I'm a music thief and you are too.
An Technician (a website devoted to computer news) posted an interesting tidbit last Tuesday regarding Capitol Records at 47 Janina Thomas. The case in question is the RIAA laying the smack down upon a single mother who shared 2 songs on Kazaa.
On Thursday the jury handed down a decision forcing that single mother to pay the RIAA \$222,000.
Dude, and she cried as that is that's not the part - the trial that occurred last month.
During the proceedings, Jennifer Pariser, the woman who lives for making students lives miserable (that would be Head of Litigation for Sony BMO) was called to the stand to testify by Thomas's lawyer.
Pariser testified as you might expect, that file sharing is extremely damaging to the music industry and that to combat it she has more at risk to her than the bands who make the music since bands earn money from tours merchandise and sponsorship.
Fair enough Ms Pariser go on.
"It's my personal belief that Sony BMO is half the size now as it was in 2004" Pariser said, describing this stark decrease in price. Pariser went to say "When people steal, when they take music without compensation we are harmed."
Do you have something new to say Ms Pariser?
That's the line we've been hearing from the music industry for years.
"When an individual makes a copy of a song for himself, I suppose we can say he stole a song," she said.
Well, hold on, stop for a second. What did you just say Ms Pariser?
Pariser said outright, that the standard practice of copying music from a CD is theft. Making one copy is just a nice way of saying "steals just one copy," she said.
Pariser has somehow managed to make the music industry look like it takes its customers even more. In fact I thought was impossible at this point.
What's more it's fairly off topic for the subject matter of the trial overall since the subject of ripping CD's falls under "fair use" which is why Madison's undisclosed anti-ripping spyware-laden album was unpopular to say the least.
It's even worse because Pariser is completely off base.
Professor Katherine Shuities (of the University of Arkansas) who teaches journalism and more importantly media law (and has me reading case law in my spare time now) has pointed out to me that copying something for personal use is allowed at least through precedent. "It's ok as long as it's for personal use," Shuities said. "That was decided in the Sony Bionibus case."
So, ask you self - how much of your music collection was paid for through iTunes, Rhapsody or whatever else you use? My guess is a negligible amount, at least compared to what you

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View From the Cheap Seats

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You know that 15 minute period in a football game, when no one is playing? You know, if s between the end of the second quarter and the beginning of the third quarter? If you haven't figured it out I'm referring to halftime.

It represents that the game is half over, and gives the coaches the opportunity to make adjustments to their game plan.

Just like Joe Gibbs with Bill Belichick. I am seeing this, the halfway point of the semester, as an opportunity to reflect on my preseason predictions and perhaps fix some mistakes I may have made.

ReM Salomonsky
Sports Editor

The gridiron gladiators of UVa-Wise, are coming off a big win over Campbellsville improving their record to 5-1.

They were ranked 22nd in the nation in the preseason, and after a 4-0 start they were ranked a school best seventh. But after a tough loss to the Bethel wrecking crew, the Cavs have dropped to eleventh.

In my first editorial, I said the Cavs had a shot at the top 5, but due to their weak schedule for the remainder of the season, it looks like that won't happen.

But who will complain about a 10-1 record with a top 10 finish ... not I says the sports editor.

Perhaps the most exciting moment of the first half of this semester has been the incredible play of Cavs quarterback Randy Hippeard. After this Saturday's game Hippeard should be the school's all-time leader in passing yards. With five games to spare, he will no doubt raise the bar for future quarterbacks of UVa-Wise.

The Lady Cavs volleyball team has also showed a tremendous amount of improvement. Although their preseason rank of seventh in the Region XII division hasn't changed, the girls have posted an impressive 13-8 record and are undefeated at home. They are sure to surpass last year's under-achieving record I predict the Lady Cavs will finish with 19 wins, which shouldn't be too hard considering the spikers on our side of the court.

The speedsters of the cross country team have been more than impressive this year, and gave us our first home meet in years. Sporting their new and embraced nickname, The Kamikaze Zombies" they are taking a bite out of the competition one victim at a time.

While most of us will be far from Wise next week, whether it will be in sunny Virginia Beach or in the hustle and bustle of NoVa, the athletes of UVa-Wise will still be in competition proving that the life of a collegiate athlete never stops.

I hope that many of us follow the teams in the second half of the season, and that my second half game plan will make my predictions correct.

Oil, and by the way... I apologize that last week's sports section was so difficult to read. A great photo from the cross country meet was smeared and The Last Word was completely unreadable. And for those wondering, the word was "Fartiek".

OoCavs!

Run for the Record!!

Running back Ra'Shad Morgan is nearing the career rushing yards record of former Cavalier Greg Thomas & quarterback Randy Hippeard is on target to break former quarterback David Nara's career passing record

We will be tracking their progress each week.

Morgan:

Record: 4,692 yds - 917 yds to go

Hippeard:

Record; 6,517 yds - 62 yds to go

Lady Cavs defeat Bulldogs

Briefs

Howard sign on to play for Lmty Cava next season

The volleyball team added to their already impressive recruiting class by signing Launn Howaid on Oct 1.

Howard, a senior at Appalachia High School, is a four sport athlete in volleyball, softball, basketball, and track and field.

In volleyball. Howard had received first team Lonesome Pine District bowler the previous two seasons.

Howard joins Mikaela Anders and Megan Funk of Orayson County, as well as Samantha Bnimmette of J.J. Kelly, as this year's recruiting

Cavs get road win at Campbellsville

The UVa-Wise football team won on the road Saturday, Oct 6, 49-28, over the Campbellsville Tigers.

The Cavs (5-1, 1-1) were led by senior running back Ra'Shad Morgan, who had 191 yards rushing and three touchdowns.

On defense, senior Ben Robertson had a team-high 17 tackles and 0.5 sack.

Lady Cavs get victory against Cobras

The Lady Cavs volleyball team came back from a 2-1 deficit to defeat Virginia Intermont on Oct 4, 30-19, 28-30, 21-30, 30-26, 15-13.

Natasha Viers led the Lady Cavs (13-8, 7-2) with 28 kills, five digs, two blocks and an ace. Junior Kristen Salyer also had 17 digs and 14 kills.

Defending, Britney Lawson had a career-high in digs with 40.

Lady Cavs suffer tough loss to Union

After taking the first game by a 17-30 score, Union scored the final three points of the second game to propel post UVa-Wise on Oct. 9 in their straight games.

Union kept its top spot in the Appalachian Athletic Conference with a 12-1 mark while going to 23-7 overall. UVa-Wise fell to 7-3 in the league and 13-9 on the year.

Senior Natasha Viers pounded 14 kills to go with five digs and two blocks.

Junior Kristen Salyer was the lone other Lady Cavs' player in double figure for kills with 10. Freshman Sam Pinyea dished out 35 assists and dug 13 attempts as junior Britney Lawson dug 26 balls.

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Top: The Lady Cavs' Support the fight against breast cancer on Oct 10 by wearing pink shoe laces at the team's "Dig for a Cure" night.

Left: Senior Natasha Viers spikes a set from senior Whitney Lewis during the Cavs 3-1 win over Tenn.-Wesleyan.

Cavs look to stay undefeated against Belhaven

Reid Salomonsky
Sports Editor

The Cav football team will look to keep its undefeated streak at home alive this Saturday as they host the Belhaven Blazers.

After two long road trips the 11th ranked Cavs will look to break back into the top ten, against a Belhaven team that's 2-1 record doesn't do them justice.

Of the Blazers four losses, only one of them was by more than two scores. That one was to Bethel, the Cavs only blemish of the season.

The Cavs are coming a dominant game which was led by star running back

Ra'Shad Morgan who's 193 yards were his best since week one.

However, the big story of the game will be the nation's third-rated passer and Cav quarterback Randy Hippeard. Hippeard is currently 62 yards shy of the school's all-time passing record. Barring any injury, he should easily eclipse the record against a weak Belhaven defense that will be going against a quarterback who averages over 300 yards a game. Hippeard is also only three completions shy of that all time record as well.

This weekend's game will be the first between the two since 2004, when the

Blazers picked up their only win in the four-game series.

The key to success for the Cavs this week will be maintaining ball control, and shutting down the Blazers star receiver Oraylin Allison who has racked up nearly half of the team's receiving yards this season.

The win will guarantee a winning season for the Cavs, their ninth in the program's 17-year history. It would also mark the second time in school history that the Cavs posted back-to-back winning seasons.

Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. at Carl Smith Stadium.

Cross country teams finish strong in Hagans-Stone Classic

By Craig Rice
Stair Writer

The UVa-Wise cross-country team had an impressive performance on October 6, when they traveled to Greensboro, N.C. to run in the Hagans-Stone Classic as both teams finished in the top 10.

The women's team was able to come away with a (Xh place victor)' thanks to one outstanding performance.

Freshman Brittany Killough finished second out of 165 runners and was the top college runner in the women's race finishing with her season-best time of 18:55.

The women finished strong despite having two runners out with injury, including star runner sophomore Desirae Killough.

On the men's side the Cav's finished in seventh place.

Collin Skeen ran the men's best time finishing 22nd out of 140 competitors. But the marked course was a key detriment to his finish.

course we ran was a lot harder than we expected," Skeen said.

Sophomore's Spencer Adams and Stephen Gregory finished in the top 50.

Tomorrow the Cavs cross country teams are sending their top runners to Appalachian State.

There are a lot of good teams there," coach Jason Lewkowicz said. "Half of the teams are Division I. It gives us a chance to run against top notch competition."

The team is gearing up for regional competition and hope to send at least a few individual runners to spotlight their talents at the national level.

Skeen and Britney Killough both look to make a strong run for nationals.

The team hopes to finish the season on a high note.

"We've had a couple of nagging injuries," Lewkowicz said. "But as long as we stay focused on the goals we set at the beginning of the season, I expect that we will finish the season strong."