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Students save lives by giving blood during holiday season

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"Recycle Life. Give Blood." reads the t-shirt slogan of the Marsh Regional Blood Center this year. Their bloodmobile parked outside the gym Wednesday afternoon was bustling with students, faculty, and community members, all lined up to give a gift with no price tag: blood.

"The goal this year was to collect 60 pints of blood, in honor of the 60-year anniversary of the Marsh Regional Blood Center," said Jim Collie, campus minister for the Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM). The BCM joined forces with the National Honors Residence Hall Association for the first time to collect blood for the center.

This is the fourth year that the BCM has hosted a blood drive. They usually host two per year—one in the fall and another in the spring, Collie said.

"We've had a great response from the campus community," Collie said. "Students, faculty, staff and athletes; nearly every aspect of campus life were represented today."

Among the students giving was freshman Vignesh Sureshwaran, who said it was his third time giving blood.

"I'm really here because my friends are," he said. "Plus, it's fun, and it helps people. And there's a free t-shirt."

Also donating for the third time was freshman Robbie Ballard.

"It's great to really help people out," Ballard said. "Especially during the holidays, it makes you feel good."

Collie said that he has been giving blood since he was in college.

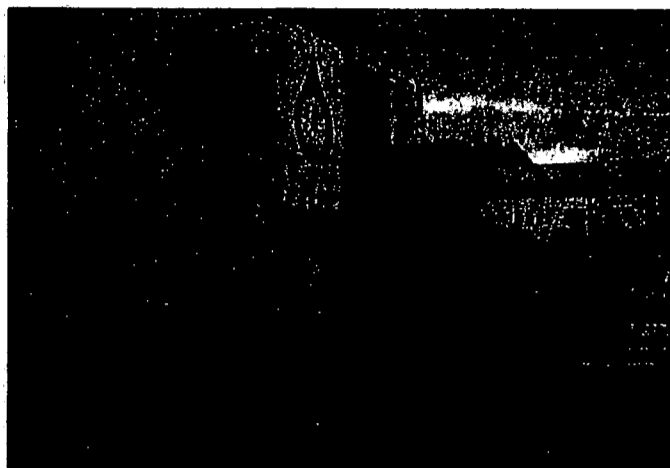
"It's really just a lifelong habit, I guess," he said. "It's such a small thing that can do so much. Particularly around Christmas, supplies run low and it's nice that we can give something to help."

"Thirty minutes and a pint of your blood can literally save a life."

The Marsh Regional Blood Center is based in Kingsport, Tenn. and supplies blood all over Southwest Virginia and Eastern Tennessee. They supply 17 hospitals, and collect blood in counties all over the area, said Debbie Wampler, the donor recruiter for Southwest Virginia.

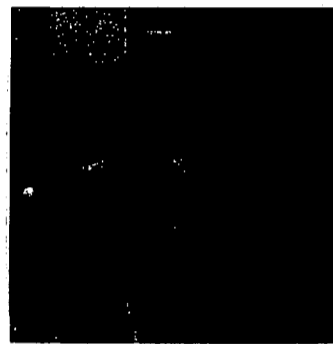
Wampler said that the center valued the contributions from the college.

"We appreciate the help during the holiday season, especially," she said. "It's great to know that students here are giving the gift of life."



Photos by Kate Baldwin

Above: Students wait to give blood outside the bloodmobile parked near the gym on Wednesday, Nov. 28.



Right: Shandi Edwards sits comfortably inside the bloodmobile. Edwards said it was her first time giving blood and that she was there because her friend made her go.

Appalachian author addresses freshmen

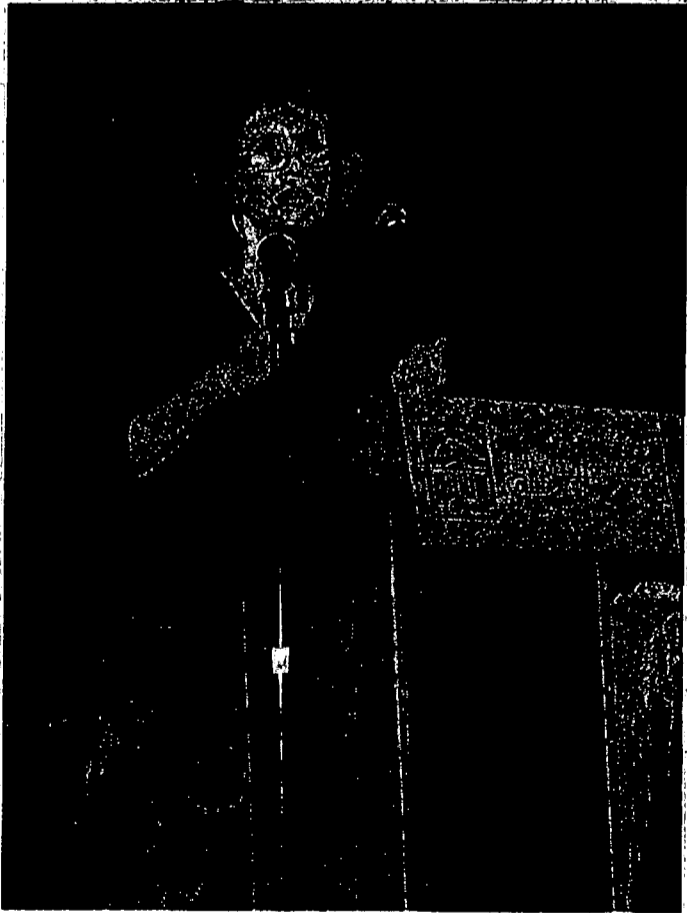


Photo by Daniel Robinson

Author and Grundy native Lee Smith spoke to students, faculty and community members on Nov. 28 in the Greear Gymnasium. Smith shared selections from her book, "Oral History," read by the college's composition students, as well as stories from her childhood and early writing experiences. Smith, the author of nine novels, is a former professor of English at North Carolina State University.

International Week ends with first ever International Night

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Faculty and students enjoyed a night of international cuisine and entertainment on Nov. 16 at the college's inaugural International Night.

The Multicultural Alliance (MCA), along with the International Club and Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM), hosted the event, which consisted of a fashion show, songs, poems and dances from the many cultures represented by the faculty, staff and student body of UVa-Wise.

The event finished out the college's International Week, which included a study abroad fair, panel discussions and a variety of dishes from different cultures served in the

cafeteria.

Countries represented at International Night include Columbia, Russia, Nepal, Ghana, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Mexico, Turkey, France and Ireland.

Krista Huckaby, a sophomore business major, was interested in what her friends were doing and attended the event to watch them perform. She said she was impressed by the show and learned a great deal from the experience.

"I thought it was an excellent show," Huckaby said. "My favorite part was the dancing. I loved the salsa and belly dancing. I also liked the poetry from the different nations. I thought everyone did a great job. I enjoyed the entire show."

Junior Ashley Brookman said she enjoyed visiting with her friends, as well as watching the show.

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Study abroad program adds more options for students

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Students of the college now have the opportunity to study abroad in the United Kingdom at the University of Glamorgan in Pontypridd, Wales. The two schools exchanged an international agreement making it the sixth sister institution in the study abroad program.

"This is an excellent opportunity for our students, especially those who do not feel confident speaking a foreign language, to spend a semester or year in the United King-

dom," said Witold Wolny, director of the Office of International Programs.

Wolny traveled to the University of Glamorgan to sign the agreement on behalf of UVa-Wise.

This agreement was the first signed with an English speaking country; however, Wolny said that countries such as Ireland, Australia or New Zealand would also be available to consider as a destination for a study abroad program.

Glamorgan was originally chosen for its outstanding software engineering department. The university is particularly well-known for video game development, information sys-

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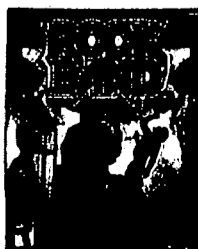
LADY CAVS TO NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

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Students show support for injured guardsmen and college alum

Members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity (left to right, David Myers and Joshua Cockerham) and freshman Michael Domyan hold up a large banner with student signatures to be presented to their fraternity brother Sgt. James "Andy" Corbett, a recent UVa-Wise alum and member of the National Guard, who was wounded in Iraq on Oct. 25.

Corbett was injured by a roadside bomb that went off in Baghdad. The bomb killed two soldiers and injured three, including Corbett.

Corbett was serving his second tour in Iraq. He graduated from the college in May of 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice.

The brothers of Kappa Sigma plan to take the banner to Corbett over the Christmas break.

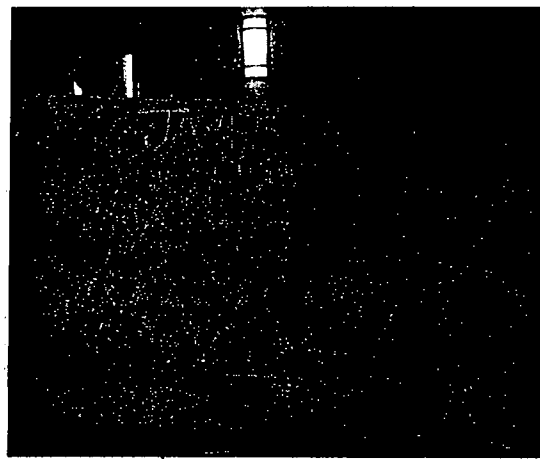


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Future Fund allows seniors to give back

By Deborah Vanover
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To ensure that students understand the impact they have on the College's future, the Office of Development—the fundraising arm of the College—has created a Senior Class Annual Giving program. This program supports the UVa-Wise Future Fund and allows seniors to give their first gift back to the College.

The Future Fund is a way for seniors to leave their mark at UVa-Wise by supporting future generations of students. Any UVa-Wise student in a financial crisis is eligible for the money collected in the Future Fund and it does not require repayment. The Financial Aid Office determines eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

Students should keep in mind that one of the most rewarding and most important responsibilities as UVa-Wise alumni is to support the col-

lege financially.

Student Government Association President Jakeyma Robinson '09 became the first student of the year to participate by making a donation to the Fund.

"I know the Class of 2008 will rise to this challenge," Robinson said.

The Senior Giving Program includes two components.

First, all graduates are asked to participate by contributing at least one dollar or more. One incentive for participating is the inclusion of your name in the Honor Roll of Benefactors, featured in the "UVa-Wise Magazine" and on the UVa-Wise Web site.

You also will receive personalized mailing labels with your name and class year (e.g., John Smith '08). The label will also include your personal address. These labels may come in handy when mailing graduation announcements.

Another gift option for graduating seniors is a certificate of appreciation to give to a parent, friend, professor, or anyone who has supported them through their college experience. The certificate resembles the UVa-Wise diploma, complete with the official College seal and the Chancellor's signature.

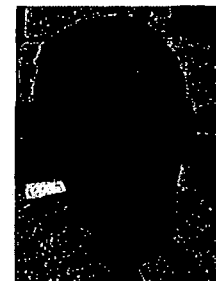
The certificates are a special, personal, and collegiate way to remind others that their support makes a difference. In addition, your purchase of this certificate

doubles as a gift to the College.

Over 200 graduates gave to this fund last year and the Office of Development hopes for even more participation from the Class of 2008.

For more information on giving to the Future Fund or to purchase a certificate of appreciation, please call the Office of Development, located in Bowers-Sturgill Hall, at 276-376-4519 or e-mail Annie Miller at ako6y@uvawise.edu.

5 Questions With...



Wayne Wheatley
Professor of Education

- 1. If you could go out to dinner with any three people, dead or alive, who would they be and why?**
My three sons.
- 2. If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be and why?**
Sedona, Arizona because I love the desert and Sedona is both a cultural and geographic oasis in the desert.
- 3. If you could have a super power what would it be?**
Greater wisdom
- 4. Who is your favorite band or what is your favorite type music?**
Kris Kristofferson
- 5. Where is your favorite place to go on campus or in the town of Wise?**
The new Thai restaurant.

Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus & Andrew Feinstein



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Classic Crime attracts new fans with "Seattle Sessions"

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Tooth and Nail recording artist The Classic Crime newest effort, an EP titled "Seattle Sessions," is unlike other EP releases that give you just one or two new songs and acoustic versions of fan favorites. The Classic Crime has instead crafted a masterful seven-track acoustic EP that contains all new material.

The first track on the album, "Seattle," is an opus to the band members' hometown and the struggles the group went through while pursuing their musical dream. This might be the best song on the EP and sets the mood for the other six tracks that follow.

"Blindfolded" is a great lyrical achievement with lead singer Matt MacDonald belting out great lines that showcase the group's writing skills.

"The Test" is a scathing song about the downfalls of celebrity. Lyrics like "Here's to the promise of glamorous living/You must drink up now, cause it's all that you're getting" show the band's views on trying to make it in the music industry.

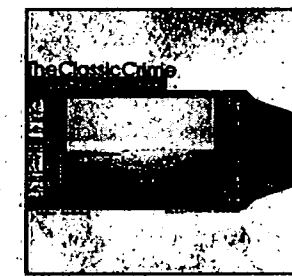
"Wake Up (Shipwreck)" is one of the more uplifting songs on the album as it talks about thriving in the face of adversity. The song comes off as very personal—you can hear the passion behind MacDonald's voice as he sings about keeping the faith in the music the band is producing no matter what anyone else says.

"Drink in My Hand" is a live track and tells the story of a relationship that is falling apart as a man tries to achieve his dreams.

"When the Time Comes" is a haunting song that seems to be a story of a priest who once knew love, but now sees that the world has forgotten how to love. The song is very powerful with lyrics like "I don't know much/

But I know about love and how it hurts me to give up" painting a powerful picture of a man who has given up on spreading love to a world that doesn't seem to want it anymore.

The last track on the album, "Far From Home," does something on an acoustic track that I have rarely, if ever, heard: A singer just lets loose. In the majority of acoustic tracks, lead singers tend to tone down their voices because of the softer nature of an acoustic



song. But here MacDonald throws that philosophy right out the window as he lets all the passion and raw emotion flow from his vocal cords. The emotional nature of the track makes it a standout on an already great EP.

Even though the EP doesn't give you a glimpse of their harder, up-tempo style (since the songs offered on this EP are more acoustic driven), it does demonstrate the passion of a band that believes in the music they are producing.

If you pick this EP up and like what you hear, I highly recommend you add to your collection their debut album, "Albatross," in order to get the full experience of what The Classic Crime has to offer.

In the end, The Classic Crime has crafted an EP that old fans will love and that will attract a spotlight that the band rightly deserves.

Anti-War: Class claims protest is part of American history

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nation has fallen.

America—which once stood for a model of democracy—now stands for imposition, invasion and hypocrisy, a global bully which denies others their inalien-

able rights.

Believing that all people are worthy of freedom and justice is what, ultimately, makes us American. If America is to regain its prideful stance we must look deep

within our collective conscience; we must in a sense be critical of what it means to be American in order to become the best Americans we can be.



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"Beowulf" brings 3-D movies back from the dead

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Seeing Beowulf rip off Grendel's arm. Cool.

Seeing Beowulf rip off Grendel's arm in 3-D. Freakin' awesome!

"Beowulf," released on Nov. 16, is a digitally animated film based on the epic poem and stars Ray Winstone, Anthony Hopkins, John Malkovich and Angelina Jolie.

The movie centers around the great hero Beowulf (Winstone) and his never-ending quest for glory. The hero arrives in the land of Hrothgar (Hopkins) for the sole purpose of slaying the monster Grendel that terrorizes Hrothgar's hall.

While the movie is based on the poem, the story begins to deviate after the defeat of Grendel and during the final minutes, it offers a much different take on the tale of "Beowulf." I can't go into too much detail about the differences without giving away major plot points, but it does seem like the creators of the film try to tell the "real" story of Beowulf and his epic adventure.

All in all, the flick is a decent movie. The animation is wonderfully done and the action scenes are fun and entertaining.

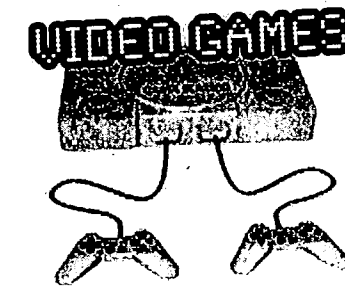
It does drag a little during the middle, leaving you wondering if the movie will ever

pick back up from its action-packed opening. It doesn't disappoint, however, with an ending battle worth waiting for.

I was fortunate to be able to see this movie in 3-D, and I must say I was quite impressed. I was afraid a lot of the 3-D sequences would seem forced and hokey, but the creators pulled it off. Seeing Beowulf's sword come at you out of the screen is surprisingly enjoyable.

Don't let the animation and cartoon-like characters fool you, though. This one's not for the kids. The movie boasts a fairly adult storyline, with instances of strong violence, sexual content and some nudity.

Other than the slow middle section, "Beowulf" is a movie worth seeing once. However, it might not be worth buying as soon as it comes out on DVD. But if you do get the chance to see it in 3-D, don't pass it up.



Harmonix's new "Rock Band" makes for a rockin' good time

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MTV and game company Harmonix released the highly anticipated video game "Rock Band" on Nov. 20th. And, nearly a dozen UVa-Wise students were posted at the Norton Wal-Mart for the game's midnight release.

Sophomore Josh Prior was the first in line to buy the game. "I've been here since 8:30," Prior said. "I was here for 'Guitar Hero 3,' but I'm more excited about this one."

"Rock Band" expands upon the "Guitar Hero" series by offering game play for drums and vocals, in addition to lead and bass guitars. The game features independent single-player campaigns for three of the instruments, but the real strength of the game lies in its multiplayer capabilities.

"Rock Band" allows gamers to perform in their own virtual "bands" by providing up to four players with the ability to rock out to three different instrument-based peripherals, which



hundreds of new tracks will be made available as downloadable content through online marketplaces. The graphics are clean, but a game like this does not rely on graphical prowess. In the case of "Rock Band" it's all about the feeling one gets from playing the game completely in sync with your friends and the fun of doing so. The \$170 dollar price tag could scare some gamers off, or at least have them waiting until Christmas to purchase the game. But the combination of the fun to be had in multiplayer, the customizable options and the great songs included, make the steep \$170 price tag seem well worth it.

Sports Briefs

Cavs lose close game to NCAA team

The Cavs men's basketball team gave NCAA Division I Wofford College a run for their money on Nov. 24th.

The Cavs trailed by as few as three points with five minutes left in the first half before the Terriers took the lead in the final six minutes to put away the Cavs, 83-62.

Senior Jarred Soles shot 5-of-11 from the floor for a team-high 15 points. Junior Bryan Sexton added nine while freshmen Robert Amls and Adam Hood contributed eight points a piece.

Lady Cavs basketball earn tough road victory

A strong first half which saw the Lady Cavs basketball team lead 45-37 proved not to be enough as defending Mid-South women's basketball champ West Virginia Tech used a big latter half for the 86-74 victory in the first day of the West Virginia Thanksgiving Classic Nov. 23

The Lady Cavs received a career-best 22-point effort from junior guard Kim Norris. Norris was 6-of-8 while handing out two assists and stealing two balls.

Freshman Meghan Rutherford connected on eight of 13 shots for 20 points while clutching seven boards.

Freshman runner ends season on sore note

Freshman Brittany Killough ended her incredible first year of collegiate cross country on Nov. 23 on a tragic note—suffering a race-ending injury early in the third mile of the NAI National Championship race in Kenosha, Wis. on Nov. 17.

Killough, the AAC Freshman of the Year, had a great start. At the two-mile mark, she was 40th in the field of more than 200 runners and on pace to match one of her best times of the year.

Shortly after starting the third and final mile, she suffered her injury.

She wanted to finish the race but was prevented by race officials.

Lady Cavs defeat Bryan in Region XII Championsip

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Up until this season, the Lady Cavs volleyball team had never qualified for the national tournament. But, there's a first time for everything.

On Saturday Nov. 17, the Lady Cavs won their first NAI Region XII volleyball championship, defeating Bryan College in five games.

The win not only sealed the division championship, but also earned the team a bid to the national championship, after taking the fifth game, 15-12, over Bryan.

The Lady Cavs split the first two games, 22-30 and 30-19 before winning game three 31-29. After Bryan stayed alive with a 28-30 game four, UVa-Wise cashed in their ticket to the nationals by winning game five. The win improved the Lady Cavs record to 11-1 in matches lasting five games.

"We are excited to represent our school and region and to beat them on their home court," said head coach Steve Dallman "We are going to go and do our very best and enjoy this lifetime experience."

UVa-Wise is the first team from the AAC other than King College to ever advance to the NAI National Championships. The Lady Cavs will make the trip to Columbia, Missouri for the tournament which will take place from Nov. 28 through Dec. 1.

"I am just so happy for the seniors. The leadership and dedication they have shown throughout this season has just been remarkable," Dallman said.

This year's seniors—Whitney Lane, Natasha Viers, Cara Hamilton, and Leeza Dos Santos—all came up big in the region tournament.

Viers had 34 kills, 15 digs and blocked six shots. While, Lane produced 11 kills and two block assists. Santos and Hamilton each added 17 digs and two aces.



Photo from Yahoo.com

Freshman setter Sam Puryea practices before the Region XII tournament. Puryea had 69 assists and 20 digs in the Cavs win over Bryan College in the Region XII Championship on Nov. 17.

The Lady Cavs have drawn into pool B for the tournament, and their first game was Wednesday against California Baptist, and then a double header Thursday against #2 Lewis-Clark and Texas-Brownsville.

Fans can follow the Lady Cavs progress online, as well as view personal journals from Dallman, and players. They discuss their rise from mediocrity to glory throughout the entire year.

"We have come so far as a team this season," Dallman said. "It's not bad for a team picked to finish seventh in the preseason [AAC poll]."

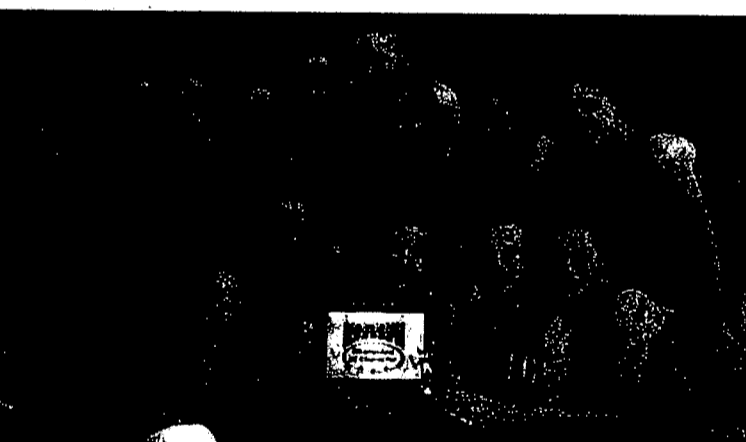


Photo provided by Steve Dallman

The Lady Cavs hold up their Region XII Championship plaque after defeating Bryan College in five games. It was the first time in program history that the Cavs had won the tournament.

View From the Cheap Seats

Is it Just a Game?

I had originally planned for this to be an upbeat article—dedicated to the brave athletes who competed while the rest of us were stuffing our faces on Thanksgiving break.

However, a tragic event occurred this week that ruined any chance of my editorial being remotely positive.

This is perhaps my most inappropriate editorial, which speaks volumes, for two reasons. First, I hate discussing topics irrelevant to Highland Cavalier athletes. Second, it jeopardizes my journalistic integrity.

Journalistic integrity prevents me from showing bias towards my favorite teams and bashing my least favorite.

However, anyone who knows me is well aware of my dedicated passion for the Washington Redskins...and this week the Skins and their fans lost a hero. Yes, a hero.

Safety Sean Taylor was killed earlier this week, after someone broke into his house and shot him in his femoral artery.

Taylor, arguably the best safety in the National Football League, seemed invincible every Sunday. No one could outrun him and every player he tackled in the open field needed a minute to stop his head from spinning. Like Superman, he was the unstoppable force in the secondary, making his death all the more painful.

It would be difficult for me to say that I am mourning the loss of Taylor, considering that I personally never met the man. But in a sad way, because I love the team so much... it feels almost like I've lost someone very close to me.

I know that I am not alone. Many of us are confused about the sadness we feel, considering we don't know the man or his family. You can say "I didn't know him or anything," or "People die everyday, he's just like any other stranger."

I don't know about you, but I don't hang posters of just any stranger in my dorm, nor do I chant their name while they are at work.

We only see this person once a week...on Sunday...for three hours...and only on television. But we've invested so much time and support in that player, that he has so much responsibility to help your team win, that they become so close to you without even knowing it.

We all look up to these athletes and assume they cannot be stopped. But it escapes us that they are human...and that they can bleed just like anyone else.

Although we should still continue to call upon them to save the day, we must remember that it is only a game. They are just doing their job like any other person.

Sean Taylor. You will be missed.
Go Skins.



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Cavs Sports Poll of the Week

Who was/is the most impressive freshman during the 2007 year?

A) Brittney Killough (Cross Country)

B) Adam Hood (Basketball)

C) Sam Puryea (Volleyball)

D) Jahmal Potter (Football)

E) Maggie Berry (Volleyball)

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