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## Barack Obama-rama

Candidate makes second trip to Southwest Virginia

From Staff Reports

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama made his first post-nomination visit to Southwest Virginia on Tuesday, stopping at nearby Lebanon High School for a townhall meeting. UVa-Wise students who attended said they were excited about the opportunity and enthusiastic about Obama's ideas.

Junior Justin Fitzgerald said he attended the event in part because it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"I went primarily because it was a rare opportunity to see the potential president, and as a citizen one should take every opportunity to be better informed about candidates and to be participatory in hearing both sides of the spectrum, whether you align yourself with liberal or conservative ideas," he said.

Junior Kristin Robertson agreed.

"I went mostly because I thought it was an amazing opportunity to hear someone who might be the next president of the United States speak and to also hear more about his programs."

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Photo by Chelsea Rose



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Top: Senator Barack Obama speaks to 2,500 people during his speech last Tuesday.

Left: Local and national news trucks line up outside Lebanon High School to cover Senator Barack Obama's speech on Sept. 9.

## SGA to sponsor "Battle of the Bands" at Wise Fall Fling

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The UVa-Wise Student Government Association will team up with local gym, Extreme Fitness of Wise, to sponsor the "Battle of the Bands" competition on Thursday before the 30th Annual Fall Fling Festival held in the town of Wise.

The 30th Annual Wise Fall Fling will be held from October 4-5 on Main Street in Wise.

"Battle of The Bands" will be held on Thursday, October 2nd from 5 to 9 pm on Main Street in Wise.

SGA encourages any band that would like to join to pick up a registration form in the SGA office.

The top three bands will take home 100 dollars for first place, 50 dollars for second place and 25 dollars for third place.

SGA President Travis Brannon said he hopes that by co-sponsoring the "Battle of the Bands" the community and the college will grow closer.

"I promised to try and bridge the gap between the local community and college students," Brannon said. "The relationship has been marked by tension and apprehension in the years I have been at Wise, but the SGA is working to create

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## Christian singer-songwriter set to perform next week

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The Student Activities Board (SAB) will welcome its first musician of the semester when up-and-coming Christian singer-songwriter Chinua Hawk performs on Sept. 15 on the fifth floor of the Slemp Student Center at 8 p.m.

The New Jersey-native said he's enthusiastic about his visit next week.

"What I'm looking forward to the most is meeting as many new faces as I can and introducing my music to some new friends," Hawk said via e-mail.

Hawk said he has a diverse program planned.

"I'll probably be performing about 14 songs," he said. "It will be a mixture of some of my original songs as well as some classic songs that everyone will know and love to sing along to."

Hawk has performed with Celine Dion at Madison Square Garden. He has also written songs with Wyclef Jean and worked in the studio with Kanye West on hip hop artist, Talib Kweli's song "Just to Get By."



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## Students, faculty donate blood to support area hospitals

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Despite rain and mud throughout the day on Tuesday, more than 90 students, faculty, staff and community members turned out to give blood and do their part to save lives.

The Marsh Regional Blood Center parked their mobile vehicles outside McCrary Hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and collected 64 pints of blood.

The Marsh Center serves 17 area hospitals, so the blood will stay in this region in the event of a natural disaster or other need.

The drive was sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Council.

"It was really a great volunteer effort on the part of our Greeks," said Josh Justice, assistant director of student activities and Greek Life.

Justice said that Greek life members helped with the event



Photo by Jessica Price

The Marsh Blood Van sits outside of McCrary Hall on Sept. 9. The center collected 64 pints of blood from students, faculty and staff.

by manning the check desk and assisting donors in completing medical information forms.

"I was very pleased [with their service]," Justice said.

Some students said they gave blood because of their blood type.

"I know I'm O positive and I know that's the universal donor so there's no

reason I shouldn't give blood," said senior Holly Weisiger. "It is a good feeling to know that you helped somebody."

Freshman Josh Gilbert said his blood type was the reason he gave blood as well.

"I have a rare blood type—it's AB negative," he said. "I found that out last year so I've been giving blood all I can."

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## Top 5 Hiking Trails for students in Southwest Virginia

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The stress in students' lives on campus is building and reasonably so.

Wise County does not offer a lot of entertainment for younger adults, but it gives UVa-Wise students a chance to be creative.

One way to occupy leisure time in this area is hiking.

"Trails provide neat canyons, streaming creeks, plenty of shade, and you might even get your feet wet," said Ed Wessman, recreations staff person of the Jefferson National Forest. Wessman said that many of these trails are also good for biking.

The Top Five trails in Southwestern Virginia are listed below:

**1 High Knob:** Located in the Jefferson National Forest is a mountain called High Knob. For beautiful scenery visit

Flag Rock Recreation Area that overlooks the city of Norton and more of our beautiful mountains. Flag Rock can be seen as a rock outcrop capped with an American flag, thus the name "Flag Rock".

**2 Roaring Branch:** Roaring Branch is an excellent place to hike. This trail is located on the road between Big Stone Gap and Appalachia; the trail is also a little more advanced. The trail follows a drainage confluence that feeds into the Powell River. The cool temperatures of a canopy streamside creek, and the lush foliage that surrounds the area makes for a great hike.

**3 Natural Tunnel State Park:** Natural Tunnel State Park is home to a 400 foot natural tunnel that serves as an active railroad pass. The park contains many trails and recreation areas. Natural Tunnel is located between Duffield and Big Stone Gap.

**4 Little Stoney Falls:** Little Stoney Falls, also located on the High Knob Mountain, is full of scenic waterfalls and simple trails to hike. If trout fishing is one of your hobbies, Little Stoney Falls is a place to satisfy your need for the great sport.



**5 Guest River Gorge Nature Trail:** Guest River Gorge Nature Trail is located in Coeburn. The trail passes through Swede Tunnel, built in 1922, and over a number of trestles. This segment of the Guest River is designated a state scenic river. Hikers, bicyclists, anglers, canoeists, and kayakers are all able to enjoy the scenery and the interesting geology of the gorge.

## Campus Bulletin

If you are interested in working as a part of the editorial staff, please feel free to join. Just contact Jade Bolling at jdb3bc@uvawise.edu or Mariah Redden at msr4u@uvawise.edu.

The BSU would like to recognize Chad Bartley, a UVa-Wise freshman, for his outstanding performance at the BSU's Freestyle Battle, held on Monday, Sept. 8.

Chad won 1st place at the battle out of eight contestants who participated. Chad is also a member of the UVa-Wise football team.

The UVa-Wise Environmental Club meets each Friday at 1:00 pm in Zehmer 206.

We welcome new ideas and new energy! Bring a green snack!

Our plans for the semester include organizing a "Ride a Bike to School Day" as well as an environmental movie marathon.

We are already organizing for Earth Week in the Spring!

Contact: President Geneva Bailey at gmb9h@uvawise.edu or Vice President Rollo Samuel at rhs2u@uvawise.edu.

You may e-mail submissions to jimson-weed@uvawise.edu.

For more information, contact the Office of College Relations at 276-328-0130.

The Young Democrats and the Obama for President Campaign meet each Wednesday at 1:00 pm, generally in the SSC Atrium where we are registering voters.

Come on out and help us campaign for change! Yes we can!

We are also organizing two debates with the Republicans on Oct. 1st and Nov. 3rd. We need people to help organize, register more voters, prepare for the debate, and more!

We want your ideas and input so come on out! It's getting pretty Blue around here!

The Last Lecture Series will begin with Brian Wills on Sept. 14 in the Chapel of All Faiths at 7 p.m.

According to the college website, "the series allows professors to choose a topic and present it as if it were their final lecture."

A different professor will present a lecture each month of the semester.

relationships that will last for years and enhance student life.

Brannon said he anticipated that the event will be enjoyed by students as well as the community.

"It will hopefully achieve the goals of providing for our

students and for the Wise community, while bringing them together for mutual enjoyment," he said.

Antiques, arts and crafts, food and other vendors will be open for the public to enjoy all weekend long.

Wasam said that as the

time gets closer, the presence from fans to perform won't get to the team. "We won't get to the team. We have to really be careful about things like that," he said. "We're going to stay focused, so we won't get off track."

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## Campus Calendar

**Saturday, Sept. 13**  
OREC Paddle the River Canoe Trip

Volleyball vs. Union College, 11:30 a.m.

Free Softball Clinic, softball field, registration 8:30 a.m.  
**Sunday, Sept. 14**  
INT Golf Captain's Choice Tourney

**Monday, Sept. 15**  
Wesley Fellowship "Freeze Out" - Icecream, SSC 12:30-2:30 p.m.

SAB Musician - Chinua Hawk, 8 p.m. SSC, 5th Floor

**Tuesday, Sept. 16**  
International Movie - "Michael Collins," Science 100, 6 p.m.

Career Development - "Advice & A Slice" SSC, 5th Floor, 5 p.m.

INT Wallyball 4x4 Tourney, SSC, 6 p.m.

Wesley Fellowship Dinner, Wesley Foundation, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 17**  
BSM Super Supper, BSC, 5 p.m.

INT Air Hockey Tourney, SSC, 1 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 18**  
INT Flag Football captain's mtg & reg. deadline, SSC 3rd Floor, 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 19**  
SGA Weekly meeting, SSC Rhododendron Room, 1 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Covenant College, 7 p.m.

## Obama

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Junior Sarah Smith said she was "a big Obama fan" before attending the event and "an even bigger fan" following the meeting.

"He did not disappoint," she said. "I also think it says a lot that this is his second time coming to Southwest Virginia, he is working hard to get any vote he can and I really admire him for that."

Not all students in attendance already had their minds set on who they'll be supporting in the November election.

Senior Megan Raines went into the meeting unsure about her political allegiances, but left as an Obama supporter.

"I went to the event to help me make my decision on who to vote for," she said. "I went there hoping to hear a decent speech that perhaps mentioned education, and healthcare... what I got was an outstanding speech that highlighted my concerns and answered any questions I had."

She said Obama was "an incredible speaker" who was also "down-to-earth."

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## THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT

### Movies

(All released on Sept. 12)

#### "The Women" (Picturehouse Entertainment)

**Starring:** Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Eva Mendes  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Genre:** Comedy/Drama  
**Plot:** A rich New Yorker leaves her cheating husband and forges relationships with other socialite women at a vacation resort.

#### "Righteous Kill" (Overture Films)

**Rating:** R  
**Genre:** Crime/Drama/History  
**Cast:** Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, 50 Cent  
**Plot:** Two veteran New York City detectives (De Niro and Pacino) work to identify the possible connection between a recent murder and a case they believe they solved years ago. (IMDB.com)

### Music

(All released on Sept. 12)

#### Blessed Union of Souls

"Close to the Edge" (Torque Records)  
**Genre:** Alternative Rock/Pop/Rock

#### Ne-Yo

"Year of the Gentleman" (Def Jam)  
**Genre:** R&B

#### Pussycat Dolls

"Doll Domination" (Interscope Records/A&M Records)  
**Genre:** R&B/Pop

### Video Games

#### Rock Band 2

(MTV Games)  
(Sept. 14; Xbox 360)  
**Synopsis:** Rock Band returns with more tracks and better instruments.

#### Star Wars: The Force Unleashed

(LucasArts)  
(Sept. 16; Xbox 360, PS3, Wii, PSP)  
**Synopsis:** Ever wonder what it would be like to be Darth Vader's dark apprentice? Now you can with the newest installment in the Star Wars franchise.

#### Warhammer Online: Age of Reckoning

(EA Games)  
(Sept. 18; PC)  
**Synopsis:** The Warhammer universe makes its much-awaited debut in the MMO world.

## "The Quilt" continues to declassify Gym Class Heroes

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Gym Class Heroes has been classified by some people as an "alternative hip-hop" group, a distinction just vague enough to mean absolutely nothing.

They continue to elude definition on their fourth album, which is a patchwork of rap, hip-hop, and indie rock, aptly titled "The Quilt," released on Fueled by Ramen Records.



This time, they don't just rely on Travis McCoy's clever lyrics to carry the album. Instead, they add the guest vocal talents of rappers Busta Rhymes and The-Dream, along with rising British R&B artist Estelle.

The clear favorites on the record are the singles "Cookie Jar" featuring The-Dream and "Peace Sign/Index Down" with Busta Rhymes.

Hip-hop and rock fuse seamlessly in "Home," which opens with a screaming guitar riff before band members Cool and Dre drop a stellar beat. "Blinded by the Sun" features the now-mandatory appearance by Fall Out Boy's Patrick Stump.

"Catch Me if You Can" incorporates the titles of nearly every 1980s cartoon ever and is sure to be a favorite. McCoy lays the classic lyric: "Gonna

make the mark on pop culture for my generation/80s babies from the age of Nintendo/Transformers, Ninja Turtles, Hungry Hippos... You know I miss you more than Shaq misses free throws..."

Tracks worth skipping include "Like Father, Like Son," which tries too hard to be serious and instead sounds shallow and tacky and "Drunk Txt Romeo," which is trite and cliché. The last song, "Coming Clean," is clunky and frankly disappointing. McCoy's clever lyrics are only so clever. Perhaps he used all his good ideas on the last album.

The best part about "The Quilt" is its insistence on non-conformity. By bringing in other artists, incorporating more actual singing (McCoy's voice has improved) and melodies (guitarist Disashi Lumumba-Kasongo really shines), GCH has produced a record with promise.



Photo obtained from PureVolume.com

## Underoath makes big impression with "Lost in the Sound of Separation"

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Tooth and Nail recording artist Underoath seems to be suffering from multiple personality disorder.

But who can blame them? They have been categorized in almost every "heavy" music genre known to man: metal, alternative metal, hardcore, post-hardcore, screamo, emo, and emocore are all the genres and sub-genres that the band has been linked to at one point or another in their career.

It seems the group is having trouble deciding what genre they want to be classified under and their new album, "Lost in the Sound of Separation," continues that trend.

Now before you say I am scared of change, I want it to be known that I have listened to Underoath since "They're Only Chasing Safety," their second album released by the label. So I know when the band is tinkering with their sound. I remember picking up the record and loving the mesh of Spencer Chamberlain's aggressive, screaming vocals and Aaron Gillespie's soft, clean tones. The album had an epic sound that I had yet to hear from any "hard" music at the time.



Then came their third release "Define the Great Line." By this time, I was firmly entrenched in the "hard" music scene and I discovered what I did and didn't like. I still had "They're Only Chasing Safety" on heavy rotation and wanted to see what the band had in store.

In my opinion, the album was disappointing even though other Underoath fans, and the band themselves, dubbed it their best work. Sure it was heavy and had good breakdowns, but I had other bands in my collection that gave me those things.



Photo obtained from PureVolume.com

Underoath gave me that big, ambitious sound that no other group could replicate. I believed the band had taken a step back by trying to gain credibility in the metal world through silencing their unique sound just to go "heavier."

As I was listening to "Separation," I found myself in a conundrum of sorts: I really couldn't decide whether I liked the album or not. It didn't sound anything like the others and it took me a bit to wrap my head around just what exactly the band had morphed into.

I can honestly say that "Separation" is the first instance since I have been reviewing for the Highland Cavalier that I have had this dilemma. It took numerous listens to decide that I do in fact like this album.

The opening track of the record, "Breathing In a New Mentality," sets a frantic pace as Spencer Chamberlain shows he is in rare form as he screams "I'm the desperate/You're the Savior" over thrashing guitars.

Chamberlain is the true standout on this album as most of the songs deal with his substance abuse problem that was rumored to cause the band to pull out of the 2006 "Van's Warped Tour." His vocals bleed emotion that, in my opinion, was missing on "Define the Great Line." The tracks "We Are the Involuntary" and "Anyone Can Dig A Hole But It Takes a Real Man to Call it Home" highlight Chamberlain and his powerful vocals and establishes him as one of the best frontmen in all of music. He makes the album his own by injecting his experience of disconnection caused by his abuse.

## Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus & Andrew Feinstein



## Cavs to play Emory & Henry after 15 year hiatus



Photo by Jessica Price

Junior Hakeem Abdul-Saboor runs a play during the Cavs practice on Sept. 10. The Cavs' next game will be against Newport News Apprentice on Sept. 13

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The Highland Cavalier football team hasn't faced the Emory & Henry Wasps since 1995.

Thanks to head coach Bruce Wasem and Emory & Henry's head coach Don Montgomery, that's all going to change in 2010 and 2011.

Both coaches have signed a contract making the Cavs and the Wasps rivals in the football community once again.

"It's very exciting," Wasem said. "Things have changed since the last time we've played."

Most students who know that Emory and Henry is less than an hour and a half from Wise, according to Wasem, have questioned why the teams aren't playing each other and why they even stopped to begin with.

The main reason that the Cavs and Wasps haven't played each other in so long is because of the difference in conferences.

Emory & Henry is in the NCAA conference, whereas UVA-Wise is in the NAIA, and both conferences are very strict on the teams playing in non-conference games, and playing against each other won't help either team gain entrance to the playoffs.

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## Not Just A Man's World Sports and September 11th

Yesterday was the seventh anniversary of the worst attack on American soil ever.

Normally, this column would be mine to comment on UVA-Wise sports; however, this week it's different.

This week's column is for every American that watched in horror as those twin towers fell on that fateful day.

This week the column is for every American out there who loves sports.

The United States came together after 9/11, but not just under "one flag." We came together as a family and part of that was due to sports.

Sports became a way of coping—coping with the feelings that raged inside of us, the feelings that we couldn't really grasp and feelings that we weren't sure how to deal with.

I remember Sept. 11 very vividly. I remember being in middle school and my chorus teacher turning on the television to the first tower, standing there, burning.

We were all in shock, and I was even more so when she turned the TV off and instructed us to start singing.

Here we were, sitting in the safety of our school watching our nation be attacked, and she wanted us to sing!

I also remember my parents pulling me out of school early that day because they were worried about the military bases being attacked. My middle school was about a minute away from Dam Neck Naval Base in Virginia Beach.

I didn't cry that day, even though when I got home I turned on the TV and watched the news.

I watched the horrifying pictures and the footage of the towers falling and of people covered in soot running desperately from the crumbling and twisted metal.

In the days that followed Sept. 11, the country mourned. I'm sure you all remember the aftermath—the pictures, the constant news coverage and the constant reminders.

But also in the days that followed, we picked ourselves up as a country and got closer as a nation.

In my opinion, sports helped us as a nation to move on, stay hopeful and become a family.

New York came together, bonding even tighter over the Yankees, the Mets, the Jets and the Giants. For a while after 9/11, the entire country became Yankee fans (which is hard to admit for a die-hard Yankee-hater).

We bonded through sports after 9/11. We grew as a nation.

Thinking back to that day, remembering the visions and the feelings that were there bring up emotions that I try not to think about, but it's impossible not to.

I hope that yesterday you took some time to think back.

I hope you took the time to think about those lives that were lost, the families that were destroyed, but I also hope that you took the time to remember how we persevered.

Sept. 11 was a day that the United States, and the world, will never forget.



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## Dos Santos returns to Lady Cavs after short coaching stint

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A familiar face has rejoined the Lady Cavs volleyball team.

Assistant Coach Leeza Dos Santos made the decision to return to the team after the Cavs fourth place finish in the Emory and Henry tournament on August 29 and 30.

Dos Santos, a 5th year senior, did not play for the Cavs during her freshman year, making her eligible to play this year.

Coach Steve Dallman said Dos Santos will have a positive impact on the team once he finds exactly where she will fit in.

Her first game back was on the road against Pikeville on Sept. 2 where the Lady Cavs were defeated in a four game match. Dos Santos played in the only game that the team won.

Dos Santos said that the team has the same athletic and physical ability that last year's team had, but they are lacking in "togetherness."

Many members of the team said that her experience will make her a great addition to the team.

"Leeza is very court-smart and will be able to contribute a lot to the team," said junior Kayla Dougherty.

Dos Santos said she is excited to be coming back and the decision was an easy one after talking with Dallman.

They are both hoping that her experience and leadership from her time on the team during previous seasons will be beneficial to this year's young team.

"I wanted to help the team do well this season," Dos Santos said. "I thought my experience might help and I talked to coach after the tournament and he agreed."

Senior Britney Lawson said, "Leeza will be able to keep our spirits up and we know we can depend on her in tough situations."



Photo by Jessica Price

Senior Leeza Dos Santos practices with the rest of the volleyball team on Sept. 10. She said she hopes her experience will help bring the team back from it's slump.

## Young Cross Country team excited about season with new runners

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The UVA-Wise cross country team has a lot to be excited about this season. With a new coach and a strong start, the pressure is on and the team is ready.

"I'm pumped," said freshman Reece Miller. "I believe we have a great team that's fresh and eager to do great things."

The runners said that they were all very

excited about the season, and that each member brings his or her own special contributions.

"I think I bring a lot of knowledge of running to the team," said freshman Maxwell Frankel. "I read up on different running philosophies and apply them to my running regimen."

Despite the influx of freshman runners, there is not a lack of experience.

Freshman Spenser Brenner said that although he is new to the men's team, he brings

experience.

"I have run cross country for five years in high school," Brenner said. "I also ran two years of high school track."

The first race could be indicative of the season to come. At the Tusculum Invitational, the men's team placed in the top five, winning the title by 33 points over Milligan College.

"The first meet was an excellent start to the season," Frankel said. He said the confidence level of the team was raised because

of the race and he foresees everyone's personal running times will improve by the next meet.

The women's team finished in the top three at the Tusculum Invitational in Greenville, Tenn.

"The girls were only one point out of first place," said sophomore Tamara Haack. "I think that in itself speaks volumes. Last year we just had enough to make a team and now we are in serious contention."