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SAB to host Placemats for St. Jude

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The Student Activities Board (SAB) will sponsor "Placemats for St. Jude" on Oct. 1 in the Jefferson Lounge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The new event will give students the opportunity to design a tray liner for a child to use at the St. Jude affiliate hospital in Johnson City, Tenn. The tray liners are used by the hospital for children who are too sick to go to the cafeteria.

"I think it's a great chance for the students to help brighten up the day for others," said SAB President Rachel Imburg. "It only takes a few minutes and we can get lots done. I am hoping a lot of people come out and do a few placemats."

Julie Scott, director of the Slemp Student Center, said she is sponsoring the event for personal reasons.

"My cousin was diagnosed with cancer five years ago," Scott said via e-mail. "She was treated at the St. Jude satellite wing in [the] Johnson City Medical Center. She was so sick she couldn't leave her room."

"Each day when her meals were delivered, there

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Wills delivers first "Last Lecture" of semester



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Thinking about death is about the last thing anyone wants to do, and yet professors here at UVa-Wise have embraced the challenge of not only thinking about their demise, but also delivering what would be their "Last Lecture" — that last bit of wisdom to share.

Brian Wills, professor of history, delivered his "Last Lecture" about "knowing thyself" and balancing life endeavors Wednesday in the Chapel of All Faiths.

"Don't forget—balance is the key—if you only focus on one thing then you will throw off the balance," Wills said.

Although this was the first "Last Lecture" exposure at UVa-Wise for some students, it was actually initiated 10 years ago at UVa-Wise. Chris Davis, the associate director of the Student Center, helped revive the series after the success of the late former Carnegie-Melon professor Randy Pausch's own "Last Lecture" in 2007, before his death from pancreatic cancer.

"To me, the last lecture is about outlining the things that are important to me—what motivates me in life," Wills said. "I wanted to talk about lessons that I've learned and pass them onto others."

Wills provided a view of his upbringing on a farm in Suffolk, Va. and the simple, "intestinal fortitude" it

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Brian Wills entertains a packed Chapel of All Faiths during his "Last Lecture" on Sept. 24. Wills is the first of four professors to participate in the series this semester. It's the first lecture of its kind in 10 years.

Seniors upset by \$100 grad fees

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With graduation application deadlines quickly approaching, many seniors on campus are upset that they are required to pay an application fee.

According to the registrar office's website, graduation applications for May 2009 are due by October 3.

In addition to all the necessary forms, there is a \$100 application fee.

Some seniors are angry. Jenna Johnson, an English major, wasn't happy with the extra fee.

"I feel that we have already paid so much to this school for tuition, books, and other miscellaneous fees that we shouldn't have to shell out another \$100 that we don't have — we are in college — to graduate. It's ridiculous," Johnson said in an e-mail.

Emily Witucki, a theater major, was also upset.

"They already have my money. What do they want with more of it? No means no, leave my pockets alone," Witucki said in an e-mail.

Shannon Chapell, a communication major, said she thinks the fee is ridiculous.

"We have to pay so much money for tuition to get in the school, and now we have to pay more money to get out of school," Chapell said.

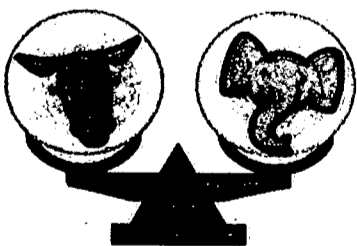
Katie Hurst, a communication major, said the fee is a burden.

"I guess it's life and teaching us a lesson that we will always be paying for something even if it's a bull," Hurst said.

According to Sheila Cox-Combs, registrar and assistant dean, there is a purpose for the application fee.

"The fee covers the diploma, cap and gown, and reception at the graduation ceremony," Combs said.

SGA hosts first voter registration drive for students on campus



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The election in November draws ever nearer and student organizations like the Student Government Association (SGA) hold voter registration drives in preparation. SGA senators said they were pleased with the turnout of the drive held in the Slemp Student Center. Twenty UVa-Wise

students registered to vote and 50 others received absentee ballots on Monday and Tuesday as part of an SGA-sponsored voter registration drive.

SGA leaders said they were pleased by the turnout.

In Virginia, potential voters must be registered by Oct. 6 to be eligible to vote on Nov. 4.

Absentee ballots must be turned in by Oct. 28 to be counted.

"This is a presidential election year and our country is faced with serious problems that need to be tended to," said SGA President Travis Brannon. "No matter the political affiliation, the SGA hopes that we can facilitate those that wish to have their voice heard in November."

Treasurer Clint Tipton said he was happy with the turnout. He said he feels this is important and students need to know their votes count.

Secretary Meron Belachew said she believes the drive increased the number of students voting

because non-commuters were able to register on campus instead of in their hometowns.

Tipton said this was the first time SGA has hosted the drive. He said he hoped to get as many people registered and give as many absentee ballots as possible.

SGA senators had earlier attended a special training session to learn the correct registration process.

"We needed to learn how to register students properly," Brannon said. "It is a felony if we do something incorrectly."

"I am excited by the level of community and political involvement on our campus," Brannon said.

The Young Democrats, College Republicans and the Student Development office have either already held drives or are planning additional drives.

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IS THE NEW FAIR ALBUM IN FACT THE "BEST WORST-CASE SCENARIO" AS IT'S TITLE SUGGESTS? READ THE REVIEW ON PAGE 5 AND DECIDE FOR YOURSELF.

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College storytelling professor also musician in The Big Red Rug Band

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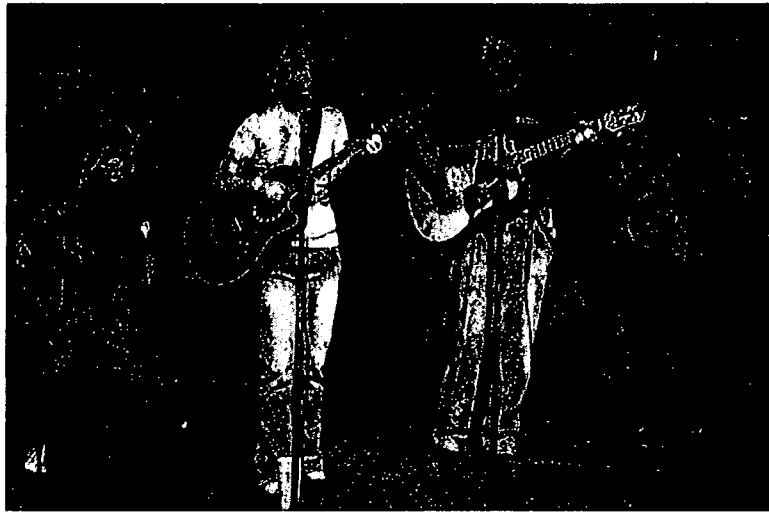


Photo provided by Charles Engle

Charles Engle (middle right) performs alongside bandmates Megan Clay (middle left), Tommy Jenkins (far left), and Marty Jenkins (far right) during the annual Rhythm and Roots Festival last weekend in Bristol, Va.

UVA-Wise storytelling professor Charles Engle performed with his band, The Big Red Rug Band, at the eighth annual Rhythm and Roots Festival in Bristol, Va. this past weekend.

The event featured more than 140 bands performing traditional country, blue grass, and folk music on 13 stages during the weekend.

"We're a lot of fun, Engle said. "And that's primarily why we play."

The band's influences are artists such as the Grateful Dead and Johnny Cash.

Engle said the band has been together for almost 2 and a half years. They are described as having an Americana, progressive folk sound.

The band also includes Tommy Jenkins, his brother Marty Jenkins, Megan Clay, and fellow UVA-Wise Technical Director of Theatre Ben Mays. Their influences are the Grateful Dead and Johnny Cash.

Mays said that Engle is great in every aspect of on-stage performance.

"[Engle] is a fabulous singer, songwriter, story teller, actor, musician and teacher in my opinion," Mays said. "He is an unsung talent."

Engle said he uses his knowledge in storytelling as

a tool to help him get his music across to his audience.

"I think it does help, theatre experience in general helps with the lyrics and dynamics," he said.

Engle said he believes that if students came out to watch one of the group's performances, they would

not be disappointed.

"Music to me is just a wonderful therapy and we just have a lot of fun when we're playing, and I think that carries over to the audience," Engle said.

To see a full list of performance dates for The Big Red Rug Band, visit myspace.com/thebigredrugband.

UVA-Wise hosts annual Medieval Conference

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The 22nd annual Medieval Renaissance Conference was held at UVA-Wise on Sept. 18 to 20. Speakers at the event present papers and research relating to the Medieval Renaissance time and culture.

This year's conference had 42 presentations scheduled. Presenters ranged from professors, graduates, undergraduates and independent researchers from across the nation.

Department chair of Language and Literature and chair of the Medieval Renaissance Conference Committee, Dr. Ken Tiller said via e-mail that the Medieval Renaissance enhances the academic reputation of the college.

"It's the only purely academic event the college offers and, I might add, the first undergraduate research event," Tiller said. "That alone speaks to its importance to the college."

The keynote speakers at the conference were nationally known lecturer David Bernstein, and Matthieu Boyd from Harvard University.

The Medieval Renaissance Conference began in 1986 by the late professor Jack Mahony and professor Richard Peake. The conference was created to promote the scholarly discussion of all aspects of medieval and renaissance culture, ranging from literature to art history, philosophy and religion.

Tiller said the addition of music to the conference has helped bring the community into the event. He said the pairing of Matthieu Boyd's Breton-inspired songs and storytelling with local singer-composition instructor Lavonne Baker helped to make the conference more open to the community.

"The two musical performances we featured this year provide a way of opening parts of the conference—to the medieval and renaissance cultures it represents—to the community...pairing these two allowed us to highlight the connections between local music and continental Celtic musical and narrative traditions.

"We hope to continue such outreaches in the future."

OPINION

Homecoming Festivities Gives UVA-Wise the "Best Week Ever"

UVA-Wise is having the "Best Week Ever," as VHI would say.

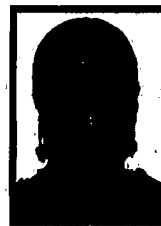
Why, you ask? Homecoming, of course.

This is the week that we, as students, get to celebrate our institution by putting our pride into action. This week we can truly embody what it means to be a Highland Cavalier.

As college students, we often get so caught up in classes, work and partying that we forget what it means to make memories and truly value our educational institution. Fortunately, an entire week is set aside for homecoming, giving us the opportunity to do just that.

Activities have been going on all week long, from a hilarious comedian to free smoothies.

Students are coming together to celebrate the college and Saturday is the icing on our homecoming celebra-



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tion cake.

The Highland Cavalier football team is taking the field tomorrow for what promises to be a riveting game against the Lambuth Eagles.

Personally, I am excited about seeing our football team take the field with immense school spirit and dedication.

An alumni picnic is set for all of those former graduates to get in the homecoming spirit Saturday morning. Alumni will be able to remember just what UVA-Wise (or Clinch Valley, for most alumni) was all about in the good old days. It's wonderful that individuals hold so much love and respect for our institution that they want to give back for the benefit of the current student body.

Afterwards, the homecoming dance is sure to offer ample entertainment. This year, the college has decided to bring in an actual disc jockey by the name of DJ Infamous One and a special guest, DJ Diamond Cutz. The Inn at Norton will be hopping with dancers thanks to the generous advertisements offered this week on campus. As the flyer says, "If you ain't doin' it 1st class, don't do it at all."

So, what does all of this have to do

with homecoming, and ultimately, with UVA-Wise having the best week ever?

I'm glad you asked.

All of these events are bringing the entire campus together as a community. We as students, professors, faculty and alumni no longer identify ourselves as literature or psychology majors; our identity comes through meaningful relationships.

With such a small campus we have opportunities that aren't found at many other liberal arts institutions. I have the benefit of being able to smile and greet nine out of 10 people I pass on the sidewalk when I'm walking to class, and I love it.

Friendships are formed that will last a lifetime and memories are made that we'll never want to forget.

That's why homecoming is so important, and it's also why UVA-Wise is having the best week ever.

Here's to homecoming week!

May it be filled with laughter, enormous amounts of fun and moments that will remain etched in your memories for all of time.

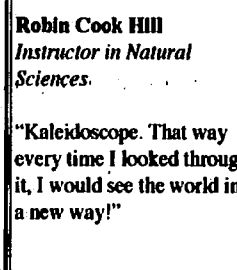
Go Cavs!

What toy would you put in a cereal box and why?



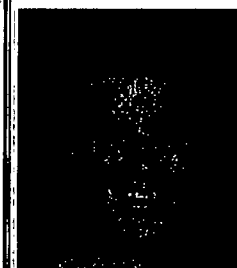
Cyndi Newlon
Instructor in English

"A pocket size light saber I could put on my key-chain."



Robin Cook Hill
Instructor in Natural Sciences

"Kaleidoscope. That way every time I looked through it, I would see the world in a new way!"



John Mark Adrian
Assistant Professor of English

"A little box of cereal because it's so postmodern."

Placemats

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was a placemat in her tray with drawings, tic-tac-toe boards and games," Scott said. "This helped brighten her day and take her mind off the illness."

Students can make as many placemats as they want, said Assistant Direc-

tor of student activities Josh Justice via e-mail.

He said they are hoping to send 150-200 decorated tray liners to the hospital.

Justice also said SAB is attempting

to reach out to many other areas besides entertainment and will host events that are educational to encourage students to give back.

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(UWIRE) OXFORD, Miss.—Well ... it's here! The first 2008 presidential debate is merely days away, and Oxford is abuzz. The city looks picturesque, like a scene out of a William Faulkner novel or something. If you don't believe me, just take a walk around the Square or on campus, and you will quickly realize that our quaint little, literary Southern town is ready to show the world a thing or two.

However, much to my chagrin, all the debates are focused around politics. Go figure. But I would like to take a lighthearted moment to look at some of the debates that have plagued almost everyone over the generations. So here are my top 11 debates in no particular order. I'll do my best to avoid abortion, homosexual rights, the death penalty or genocide in Sudan, so I don't steal my fellow opinion writers' thunder.

Paper or plastic: If it means killing a tree or using non-biodegradable plastic, it seems to be a lose-lose situation, so the logical choice is of course plastic. It's easier to carry and works as a trash bag as well as being a nice doggy doo-doo bag when you walk around the Grove to pick up girls. Multiple usage is key. Paper bags don't have much else going for them.

Lebron or Kobe: Toss up. Outside of the whole Kobe rape allegation issue a few years back, which has seemingly been completely forgotten (funny how things work out for celebrities), there is little that isn't fantastic about either of these two. Young, vibrant men who can ball. I'd settle for being either one of them.

Abner's or Zaxby's: Two words for you there: Grilled tenders. No brainer for this one. And if you don't know which one won, it's your loss.

BSB or N*Sync: This one is a doosie. In one case you

have five cheery but attractive young men who can sing and dance. In the other case you have, well, the same.

Let's look at their weakest links because a wise man once said, "A team is only as strong as its weakest link." First, AJ McLean of the Backstreet Boys. He had an alter ego named Johnny-No-Name and some cocaine issues. Not cool. Chris Kirkpatrick of N*Sync had bad haircuts throughout his 15 minutes, and nobody ever claimed he was their favorite. Not cool, but not bad.

Clear-cut winner so far, march on. Both groups disbanded, but BSB got back together and nobody cared. There is still a lot of hype about an N*Sync reunion though. So unless these guys want to have a steel cage match to prove tecnybopper dominance, I'm going to pledge my allegiance to N*Sync. Go buy their Christmas album; it'll warm your hearts more than a cup of hot cocoa.

Wine or beer: If you are with a pretty girl, say on a romantic date, go with wine. If you are a girl, stick to wine unless you're with a guy at a lower class establishment, then go with beer. Make an educated choice either way. Avoid Bud Light and boxed wine in all cases.

Beacon or Bottletree: Grease vs. quaint. Traditional vs. hip. Old school vs. new school. If you're under 50, stick to Bottletree unless you want your blood flow to slow down.

But don't forget as I did yesterday that Bottletree is closed on

Mondays. I can feel my arteries clogging as we speak.

Twilight or Harry Potter: Witches, wizards, vampires, romance, death. All of this is wildly entertaining. I loved Harry, and if I knew I wouldn't be looked down upon for reading Twilight, I probably would. I guess I'll just do it where nobody will ever find me. Wow. I'm getting uber-excited just thinking about a secret reading nook and books about vampires.

Tupac or Biggie: "California Love" and "Mo Money, Mo Problems" will never not be on a rap play list on my iPod. So we have another toss up. I just hope these two are sipping on some Courvoisier at that thug mansion in the sky because their rivalry was just not worth their untimely deaths.

"Animal House" or "Old School": No contest. "Animal House." Not worth wasting my time.

Paper, rock or scissors. Always rock. If you both throw rock first, then go scissors. If you both throw scissors, go back to rock. Follow this with a paper, paper, scissor, paper, rock, rock, scissor, paper, paper, paper, rock, rock combo. If you still haven't won, ask yourself, "Why am I still playing this game?"

And last but certainly not least, the granddaddy of all debates. The Taj Mahal of choices. The Allah of arguments. The Qur'an of questions.

Boxers or briefs.

Warner Russell

Boxers or briefs: Yeah ... I'm gonna go with that other option. It's much more, well, freeing. Give it a shot.

I hope I have helped you solve some of the great conundrums I know have been weighing on your mind recently and you will sleep easier tonight because of my insight. If you need another debate solved, you let me know, and I'll shoot you straight.

Happy debating. Enjoy the traffic.

Can you draw?
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Contact Opinion Editor Marissa Jones at mlj4z@uvawise.edu to get your work in the paper

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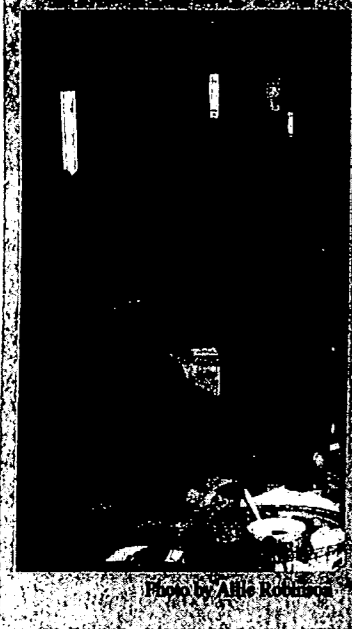
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National Five-A-Day

The Center for Student Development celebrated National Five-A-Day with a variety of Student Center events. All free fruits and vegetables for students. The event could also be a great talking exercise to promote fruits and vegetables. The event was sponsored by the Center for Student Development and the Center for Student Leadership.



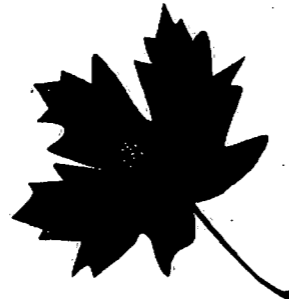
30th Annual Wise Fall Fling scheduled for next weekend

By Bonnie Aker
Guest Writer

With the backdrop of the historic Wise County Courthouse, downtown Wise will be full of energy and creativity during the 30th Annual Wise Fall Fling. Scheduled for the first full weekend in October, the Fling will be held this year on Oct. 4 and 5. Visitors, family and friends alike will find arts, crafts, demonstrators, antiques, food, music, and contests and events guaranteed to please most everyone. The theme of this year's Fling is "Wise: The Apple of Our Eye." A drawing reflecting this theme was created by D.R. Mullins, a Clintwood native who currently lives in Tenn. The drawing is on this year's T-shirt which will be for sale at the festival. The Wise County Fall Fling is sponsored by the Wise Business Association and funded by the Town of Wise, the Wise County Board of Supervisors and the generous donations of local businesses. Please call (276) 328-2456 or (276) 328-8184 for more information. Information is also available at www.wisefallfling.com. A brief schedule of events is as follows:

SATURDAY OCT. 4

- Fling officially opens, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Car Show, L.F. Addington Middle School, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Chili Cook-Off, 10 a.m.
- Fourth Annual Senior Citizens Day, Wise Senior Center, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- P.A.W.S. of SWVA Pet Adoption, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Entertainment on stage, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Bands include: Kentucky Mountain Melody, Denim and Lace, Scottish Bagpipes, Coaltown.
- Pumpkin painting at BBAT, 11 a.m.
- Quilt Turning, Wise Baptist Church, 1 p.m.
- Apple Pie/Stack Cake Contest (register at noon), 1 p.m.
- Pet Show (registration at 1 p.m.), 2 p.m.



SUNDAY OCT. 5

- 5K Run and 1 Mile Fitness Walk, 2 p.m.
- Entertainment on stage, 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Bands include: Eastern Kentucky Tymes, Jake and Ruby Ravizes, Center Stage Cloggers, His Four, Appalachian Strings.

Campus Calendar

- Saturday, Sept. 27**
Homecoming Football game, Carl Smith Stadium, 1:30 p.m.
- SAB Lester & Body Art** by Susan, Stadium, noon-4 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 28**
INT Singles Ping Pong Tourney, SSC Game Room, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 30**
INT Singles Tennis Tourney, Humphreys Tennis Complex, 7 p.m.
- Wesley Fellowship Dinner, Wesley Foundation, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 1**
BSM Super Supper, BSC, 5 p.m.
- CSD Rock the Vote, SSC Atrium, 9 a.m.
- SAB St. Jude Service project SSC Jeff. Lounge, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- INT Com.Hole Tourney SSC amp. 6p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 2**
Dig for a Cure Night - Lady Cavs volleyball, Gym, 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 3**
Graduation Applications Due for next semester
- First seven-week courses end
- SGA Weekly mtg, Rhododendrom Room, 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 4**
Residence Halls close and Fall Break begins, 9 a.m.

Editor's Choice: Fair offers alternative masterpiece with "The Best-Worst Case Scenario"

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Have you ever missed a "sure thing"? Something that you know you would like, but for some reason, you skipped out on.



When it comes to the oversaturated music scene, it's easy to do. Pop princesses and cookie-cutter rock bands make it hard for listeners to find something new and vibrant that the mainstream hasn't remade in its own image (see Fall Out Boy's "Infinity On High"). Fresh sounds are few and far between, but thanks to the Internet it has become easier to find music that is outside the box. Internet radio stations like Pandora and social networking sights like Myspace have revolutionized how and who we listen to on a daily basis. Case in point: last week as I was working on this very paper I heard an intelligent, original sound coming from the computer speakers. I stopped what I was doing and clicked on Pandora to see what I was listening to. Then and there I found my "sure thing" in the alternative sounds of Fair and their 2006 debut release, "The Best-Worst Case Scenario." Now, I would be lying if I said I had never heard of the band before my heavenly discovery in the newspaper office. I knew of the band due to their affiliation with Tooth and Nail Records, but neglected to check them out due to my own ignorance. Hence, how I almost missed my "sure thing." The next day I picked up the entire album solely based on the single I had heard the night before titled "Monday." As I listened, I was amazed at how beautifully and well-crafted every aspect of the of the album seemed to be. I was listening to the blueprint of what music is supposed to be: meaningful and passionate. "Monday" is one of the best opening tracks I have heard on any record and it sets the mood with its darkly melodic sound. A catchy chorus and sophisticated sound shows that Fair is playing by their own rules. Lead singer

Aaron Sprinkle's voice is calming and smooth but brings a unique quality to an already different album. "The Attic" serves as commentary on the effect of finding someone and the fear of losing them, while "Carelessness" is about being able to learn from our mistakes as Sprinkle sings, "Won't you climb high/And shower some correction on me." "Get You Out Alive" is a stark reminder of how our current society looks for happiness in material objects and self-gain. The song provides one of the most powerful lyrics of the album: "I love drawn from bank accounts/Runs out of funds before too long." The track titled "The Dumbfound Game" is a strong commentary on how some take advantage of love for their own means and the effect it has on others. Sprinkle's passion is evident in lyrics like "It's as if I couldn't see/The callus I've come to be" and the pleading chorus "Could someone show me how to feel?" The album could be considered as a study in how complicated it is to live life while encountering and dealing with so many emotions on a day-to-day basis. The album conveys these observations not in a preachy, overly righteous tone, but in a relatable way that tells the listener the band is also struggling with the ups and downs of life as well. "The Best-Worst Case Scenario" is a light at the end of the tunnel for weary music fans who are looking for something that has both substance and emotion. The album serves as a reminder that good music isn't dead, it's just living quietly under all the noise of the mainstream.



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"Battle of the Bands" will be held on Thursday, Oct. 2 from 5 to 9 p.m. on main street in Wise. SGA would like to ask any band that would like to join to pick up a registration form from the SGA office on the 3rd floor of the Stemp Student Center. This event will be co-sponsored by the SGA and the community. Contact a member of the SGA for more information.

We are hosting the Hip Hop Panel Discussion Part Two on Sept. 30, at 7-9 p.m. 5 floor Student Center in the Rhododendrom Room. Our goal is to talk about topics that are influenced by the positive and negative aspects of hip hop. The panel is for students, faculty and staff to join us and to discuss the good and bad situations of hip hop. Also co-sponsored by MCA.

The BSU will also be sponsoring a hip-hop show called "The Away Team." The artists consist of Jyron Barclay, Bruce B, JP and MAC. The event will take place on the 5th floor of the Stemp Student Center from 8 p.m. 9 p.m. The BSU will host a "Shorts and Shades" Party on Saturday, Sept. 20 in the cafeteria. This will be the BSU's first dance of the year and will be an after party for the Cavs first home game. Wear your coolest shades and show up to the party. The event will be from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.. Prices will be \$1 before 12 a.m and \$2 after.

The first-ever interest meeting of the Cavalier Paintball Club will be held Wednesday, Oct. 1 in the Dogwood Room on the 5th floor of the Student Center. Interested students can email Amanda Piper at anp2f@uvawise.edu.

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

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.

Jimson Weed is aware that some writers still wanted to submit their work and did not know where to submit their work. We would like to extend our submission deadline to Monday, Sept. 26, 2008.

Submissions can be sent to jimson-weed@uvawise.edu, or to our editors. You can also drop by Zehner 131 and leave your submissions in the Jimson Weed mailbox. In addition, the managing editor of the Jimson Weed has a group on Facebook; please visit for upcoming events, submission deadlines, and coffee nights as well. We welcome campus and community writers and artists to join and become a part of a great group of creative minds! If you have any further questions, please feel free to email Jade Bolling, managing editor, at jab3bc@uvawise.edu, or Mariah Redden, assistant managing editor, at mar4u@uvawise.edu.

Girls & Sports



If you would like to be a news story or even in the Campus Bulletin, contact highlandcavalier@uvawise.edu.

Dane Cook's newest film "My Best Friend's Girl" not a date movie

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(U-WIRE) GREELEY, Colo.—As dehumanizing as it may be, the expression "bros before hos" is one of the nicer sentiments applicable to the comedy "My Best Friend's Girl." Sherman "Tank" Turner (Dane Cook) is a scumbag-for-hire in the dating underworld. At the best of men in need, Tank courts their girlfriends and minimizes any relationship wrongdoings by giving each of these women the date from hell. His artistry in making other men look good by comparison is not shared by his best friend and roommate, Dustin (Jason Biggs), a chronic nice guy. Dustin's overenthusiastic approach to the dating process has recently scared off the love of his life, Alexis (Kate Hudson). Tank offers to work his magic, but Alexis does not meet the criteria of most of his jobs. The master of mistreatment soon finds himself in a boyfriend role and to his own surprise, likes it. But can he betray his pal? Cook functions well within his niche as a guy who will go to any lengths to make an ass of himself. Biggs continues his trend of the portraying the pitiful romantic that he has played in everything from "Loser" to "Saving Silverman." Hudson is in over her head as the object of both men's desire, almost ironically so, considering her own Tank-like character from "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days." Meanwhile, Lizzy Caplan gets too little screen time as her libidinous roommate, Ami, who is the primary factor for Alexis to start slumming on the dating circuit. Speaking of bad influences, Alec Baldwin is unbearably sleazy as Tank's father, a women's studies professor who feigns feminist sympathy and manipulates his position for endless debauched sex with his students. As some kind of twisted love child spawned from "Hitch" and "Good Luck Chuck," the movie has a constant undertone of villainess, even in its sweeter moments. The deluge of tasteless sex jokes



perpetrated by Tank actually becomes funny in its enormity and excessiveness, and if the first five minutes do not send you screaming out the door, nothing will. Still, can we really accept him as the hero he is painted to be? Supposedly, the bad boy image is only a mask, but is the audience so gullible to believe a guy so nasty would really tear up at the end of "Ghost?" Dustin is no easier to root for, since his systematic stalking of Alexis borders on obsession. The fact is none of the characters have any likable qualities, which would be great if this were not marketed as a romantic comedy. Featuring recurring strains of The Cars' song of the same name, "My Best Friend's Girl" is a guilty pleasure, at best. Men, be advised this is not a movie you want to see on a date. Unless, of course, you're in Tank's line of work.

Lecture

Continued from page 1 helped him mold. "It takes guts to realize that you won't necessarily get rewarded or praised for doing the right thing," Wills said. Dr. Wills said that he hadn't always been an outgoing, "stand up for what's right" kind of guy. In fact, he described himself as an introvert in high school who stayed confined to his room and uninvolved at school. He said he knew there was an extrovert inside him trying to get out and a voice that needed to be heard. "I make a fool of myself more often than not," Wills said. "If you make mistakes—deal with them, admit them—do not try to cover them up because too many people are out there looking for it. Why will they find it? It smells." Wills said that the most important thing to do in life is to take a "right step in the right direction." "The dumbest thing is when the 'big people' in power hurt the little people," he said. "Why should I help the little people when there is a chance that I won't be appreciated? What's the payoff?" The payoff is you'll know that you did what was right." Wills said that he planned for his lecture to express the kind of person he is. "I wanted my 'last lecture' to not be something to remember me by; rather what I wanted them to remember about me."

Seen a good movie lately? Would you like to see your favorite band's new CD reviewed. Contact Feature Editor Aaron Collier at aac7x@uvawise.edu to get your reviews in the paper

Quick Hits

Dougherty to join Cavs and big sister in 2009

The Lady Cavs will be welcoming another Dougherty to their team next season.

Robyn Dougherty, the younger sister of Junior outside hitter Kayla Dougherty, signed with UVa-Wise last Friday, Sept. 19. She currently attends Twin Springs High School.

Robyn Dougherty was recruited as a middle hitter and has recorded over 80 kills and 80 digs already this season.

She will play alongside her sister in her final season next year.

Salyer records 1,000 kills for career

Senior Kristen Salyer became the second Lady Cav to reach 1,000 kills in a career last Saturday in the team's 3-0 loss to Bryan College.

Last year, standout Natasha Viers was the first person to reach the mark.

Salyer also has a chance to become the first player in UVa-Wise history to record 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in a career. She currently has 829 digs.

The Cavs next game will be at home on Tuesday, Sept. 30 against Milligan College.

Spurlock named Defensive Player of the Week by NSC

Sophomore linebacker Luke Spurlock earned Defensive Player of the Week from the Mid-South Conference for his part in the Cavs' 62-33 victory over West Virginia Tech.

Spurlock recorded eight tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble in the win.

He currently leads the team with nine solo tackles.

The Cavs next game will be at home tomorrow against Lambuth University for Alumni Homecoming.

Lady Cavs to host "Dig for a Cure" night against Virginia Intermont

The volleyball team will host the second annual "Dig for a Cure" night on Oct. 2 to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation.

The Lady Cavs will team up with Virginia Intermont in hopes to exceed the \$2,700 that was raised after last year's event.

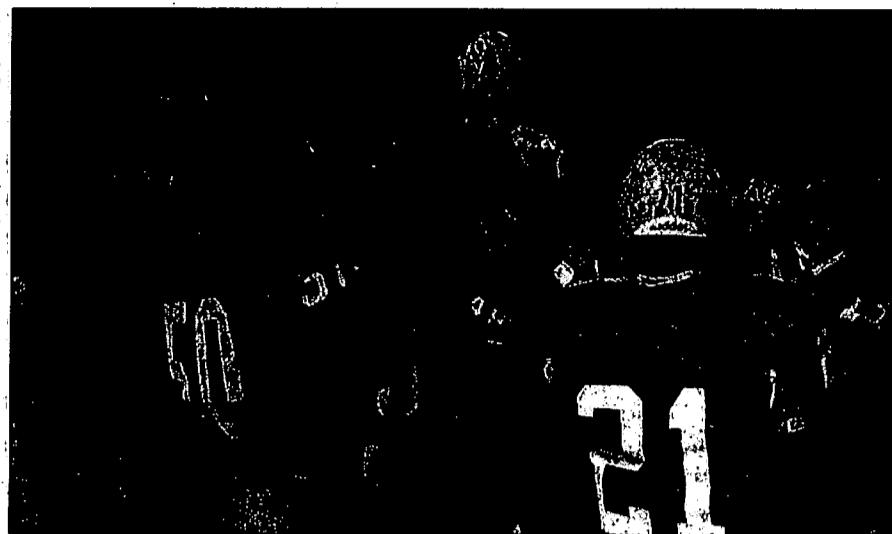
The goal this year is to raise at least \$3,000 for the cause.

All proceeds from "Dig for a Cure" will go directly to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation.

You can help the volleyball team meet their goal by donating money ahead of time or by setting a specific amount to pledge for each successful dig.

If you would like to make a donation or pledge a particular amount for each dig, contact any member of the volleyball team or Dallman at (276) 376-4584 or by email at srd3q@uvawise.edu.

Cavs defeat West Va Tech, prepare for Lambuth



Photos by Miranda Bradley

Above: Sophomore Omar Gardner and freshman Lonell Parker Jr. celebrate with the rest of the team after the Cavs' 62-33 win over West Virginia Tech on Saturday.

Below: Junior Brad Robbins and a fellow teammate celebrate the Cavs' seventh touchdown of the game on Sept. 20 against West Virginia Tech.

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The Highland Cavalier football defeated West Virginia Tech Saturday, 62-33, and brings its 3-0 record to tomorrow afternoon's homecoming game against Lambuth University.

Senior quarterback Randy Hippeard proved once again how valuable he is to this season's team, throwing four out of the five touchdown passes in the game.

Junior Aric Evans proved to be an asset, catching a 51-yard touchdown catch from Hippeard.

The homecoming game against Lambuth "will be a challenge," said head coach Bruce Wasem.

Wasem said he is nervous that Lambuth will try hard to beat the Cavs in order to get their new developing program off the ground.

"They've got a new head coach, they're leaving the conference trying to get into Division II," Wasem said. "They want to grow."

Hippeard and Evans will be valuable on the offensive side, Wasem said. Juniors Hakeem Abdul-Saboor, Jason Lovett and senior Brad Slade will play key roles as well, he said.

On the defensive side, Wasem said sophomore Danny Hinkle and junior James Haley will play big roles in the upcoming game.

The Cavs have never beaten Lambuth before and lost the last meeting between the two on Oct. of 2006, 47-43.

The Highland Cavs are set to play the Lambuth Eagles this Saturday at 1:30 p.m.



Not Just A Man's World Homecoming 2008

After last weekend's amazing football game against West Virginia Tech (WVT), I am 10 times more excited for the homecoming game against Lambuth.

The Cavs defense proved my fears were all in vain, and kept the WVT offense at bay.

Our offense, on the other hand, had no problem getting through WVT's defense.

Senior quarterback Randy Hippeard led the team beautifully, throwing four of the five touchdown passes.

Like head coach Bruce Wasem said, junior wide receiver Aric Evans was a huge asset to the team.

Hippeard threw him an amazing 51-yard touchdown pass, which he caught with ease.

It was a sight to see. Almost everyone, myself included, was on their feet as he launched the ball.

In that brief moment of confusion, when no one was positive whether or not Evans caught the ball, it was like time stood still.

The yells that came from the crowd—after the referees threw up their hands signaling a touchdown—were loud.

Loud and powerful. After the team's impressive showing against the Golden Bears of West Virginia Tech, I expect this week's homecoming game to be as exciting, if not more so.

Even though the Cavs didn't play Lambuth last year and have lost every time they've played against them, I think we stand a chance.

A pretty good one at that. Lambuth is in a transitional stage with a new coach. The Cavs have been consistent with Wasem and Hippeard at the helm.

The Cavs have shown over the last three games that they are solid and my faith in them is strong.

If you don't normally come out to football games, you might have to make a change this weekend.

First of all, it's our homecoming game and you should support the school and show some spirit.

Secondly, it is bound to be a great game.

The Cavs will, without a doubt, give us a game worth watching.



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Cross-country team suffers defeat last weekend in Berea Invitational

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The Highland Cavalier men's cross-country team finished sixth overall at the Berea Invitational on Sept. 20. The women's team was unable to participate due to transportation issues, which caused them to arrive late.

The men were paced by freshman Max Frankel, who finished 17th overall (29:00.26).

Had it not been for the team's bus and its inability to make it up the steep hills on the way to the meet, the women would have made it on time to race.

Assistant coach Britten

Olinger said that had the women been there to compete, they would have won, hands down.

The men's team arrived with enough time to warm up briefly and mentally prepare for the race, even though freshman Richard Martindell said it's difficult for the runners to jump into a race that close to its start.

"It's hard to get the heart rate up and muscles loose for the meet, cause if you run straight after sitting on the bus for four hours, your results aren't going to be that great," Martindell said.

Martindell finished the race with a time of 33:43:50, behind freshman Adam Hobbs (29:23.09), sophomore Collin Skeen (30:18.78) and



Martindell

freshman Reece Miller (31:05.18). Both teams are hosting the UVa-Wise Invitational today.

"If everyone does well...we should win," Miller said.

Looking Ahead:

- Men's Cross Country
- Sept. 26: UVa-Wise Invitational
- Oct. 3: Hagan Stone Classic
- Oct. 10: Appalachian State
- Oct. 17: Southeastern Classic
- Nov. 1: AACI Championships
- Nov. 17: NAA National