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Students react to homecoming 2008

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Another homecoming has come and gone, and students seem to have mixed reactions.

Students on campus had the opportunity to attend many homecoming events this past weekend. Among these events was a pep rally on Friday, a football game against Lambuth University on Saturday, followed by the homecoming dance.

Looking back on the weekend's events, Scott Fitzsimmons, a junior sports manage-

ment major, said he thought the weekend was really nice.

"My favorite part was the Silver Saber Contest where all the organizations came together to compete with each other," Fitzsimmons said.

Stephanie Rodzvic, a sophomore health and physical education major, said she had fun last weekend especially during the football game.

"It was fun seeing all the people at the dance," Rodzvic said. "My favorite part was tailgating at the football game."

Mandy Mullins, a junior chemistry major, said she didn't get to go to the game but did

attend other events.

"I thought the pep rally was much better this year," Mullins said in an e-mail. "All of the organizations competing made it that much better. That is definitely something that needs to be continued."

The Cavs' tough loss to the Lambuth Eagles did dampen the homecoming experience for some.

Sarah Mullins, a freshman history major, said even though she had fun at the game she wished the Cavs could have pulled off the win.

"I had fun but I wish we would have won," Mullins said.

Tim Golden, a sophomore art minor, was also upset with the outcome of the game.

"It wasn't too much fun. The game was close, but I was disappointed [we didn't win]," Golden said.

Tonesha Thompson, a junior accounting major, said she had fun this weekend but wished the game had turned out differently.

"I was disappointed in the homecoming loss," Thompson said. "I had fun at the game though. I screamed a couple of times during a few good runs."

The homecoming dance drew a mix reac-

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Deadline extended for trip to Ireland

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UVa-Wise students who want to go to Ireland over spring break still have a chance to apply because the deadline has been pushed back to Oct. 31.

The trip is sponsored by the Office of International Programs and will be held from Mar. 5 through Mar. 15. Instructor in English Cyndi Newlon planned the itinerary and will guide students on the trip.

Witold Wolny, field director of international studies, said the trip's main focus will be on "Ireland's literary and historical significance."

Students will learn about historical figures from Ireland, including writers James Joyce, WB Yeats and political activist Éamon De Valera.

Students will also have a chance to see the natural beauty of Ireland on a tour that will take students from the cliffs of the Irish coast to the inland planes of central Ireland.

"Most of what we hope to gain is an understanding of Ireland, its people and culture, its literary and historical heritage, and its connection to our own country," Newlon said in an e-mail.

Wolny said he hopes that trips like the Ireland one will encourage

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Honor Court to prosecute cultural event cheaters

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The Honor Court will now prosecute students who are caught misusing the sign-in and sign-out sheets kept at on-campus cultural credit events.

The new policy makes signing in late or signing out early to the college's cultural events an Honor Code violation, since students who do so receive cultural credit without fully attending events. Signing in or signing out a friend who does not attend the event is also considered a violation.

The Honor Court believes that it directly violates the Honor Code as it allows the student to receive the credit without attending the event.

"I believe that it is important that the Court start prosecuting this because signing in for something that you didn't stay the whole time for is a violation of the honor code, it is lying," Honor Court Chairperson Lauren Cary said.

Professors actually tipped the Honor Court about the problem of students violating the policy.

"A few professors actually came forward to state

the recent trend of signing into cultural credit hours and signing straight out," freshman Honor Court member Naomi Horne said.

"The Honor Code is a statement that you have neither given nor received help in obtaining your grade or point in this case, thus the Honor Code is being violated by students playing the system," Horne said. "How is it fair that certain students are getting away with not adhering to this regulation, while other students do so without complaint or deceit?"

According to UVa-Wise's graduation requirements, students need only eight cultural credits to earn their diplomas.

Cary said that there would have to be ample information before bringing charges.

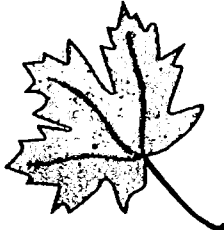
"We currently do not have any cases so far to hear for this violation, [but] if the prosecutor finds sufficient evidence [against a student] then the court will begin scheduling cases," Cary said. "Once the evidence is determined sufficient, a letter is sent out to the student informing them of their probable honor code violation. Then, the Court schedules the case."

Cary said that consequences of abusing the cultural credit system will vary on a case-by-case basis.

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Quick Hits

Hippeard breaks 9,000 career passing yards

Senior quarterback Randy Hippeard became the first Highland Cav to break 9,000 career yards passing during the Lambuth game last Saturday. He currently stands at 9,215 yards.

Hippeard is a two-time Victory Sports Network All-American honorable mention. He also holds every UVa-Wise passing record.

Lady Cavs sign second J.J. Kelly athlete

The Lady Cavs signed their second J.J. Kelly volleyball player of the season last week. Libero Meaghan Correll signed a letter of intent to play for the Cavs in 2009.

Dallman said he hopes Correll can take over for senior standout Brittany Lawson after she graduates at the end of the year.

Correll will join Lady Indian teammate Autumn Chisenhall on next year's squad.

Robinson signs with Lady Cavs volleyball

Samantha Robinson became the fourth member of the 2009 recruiting class on Sept. 25 when she signed a letter of intent to join the Lady Cavs Volleyball team.

The 5-7 middle hitter is expected to add a great deal of speed to the young team.

Last season, Robinson was an All-Lonesome Pine District Player and has earned All-Academic District Player for the last two years.

Lady Cavs cross country team takes second at home meet

The Lady Cavs cross country team finished second overall at last weekend's second annual Cavalier Invitational.

"We would have dominated with all of our girls healthy, but we only had five," said sophomore Tamara Haack.

Freshman Kayla Bathis led the Lady Cavs by placing third overall with a time of 21:50.2.

Injuries on the men's team meant that only four runners participated, leaving them one runner shy of being able to place as a team. However, freshmen Max Frankel was first overall with a time of 28:15.7.

"This race was a good confidence booster especially because hills are not my forte," Frankel wrote in an e-mail. "It's still too early to project how I will fare against the faster and more experience[d] runners on my team and in my conference, especially farther down the line during [the] conference championship.

The next meet for the cross country team is the Hagan Stone Classic, scheduled for Oct. 3 in Greensboro, N.C.

Cavs lose to Lambuth, prepare for Georgetown

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After the Highland Cavalier football team's disappointing 51-40 loss to the Lambuth Eagles last weekend, the team heads on the road tomorrow to play against rival Georgetown University.

The Cavs defeated Georgetown last season in a shocking upset, 63-56, marking the first time in the last three years that the Cavs beat the Tigers.

In 2006, the Cavs lost 41-13 and the previous year, they lost 51-6.

The Georgetown Tigers' record so far this season is at 1-2, and they have not played against any teams that the Cavs already have.

Senior quarterback Randy Hippeard, junior wide receivers Hakeem Abdul-Saboor, Jason Lovett, Matt Barabour, and sophomore running back Jyron Barclay should play dominate offensive roles against Georgetown, as they have in previous games.

Key defensive players in tomorrow's game will likely include junior James Haley, who had 17 tackles in the Lambuth game, and freshman linebacker Amondre Johnson, who recorded 15 tackles in the game.

The loss against Lambuth puts the Cavs in danger of missing the playoffs again this year.

If the Cavs go undefeated for the rest of the season, their chances of making the playoffs are increased.

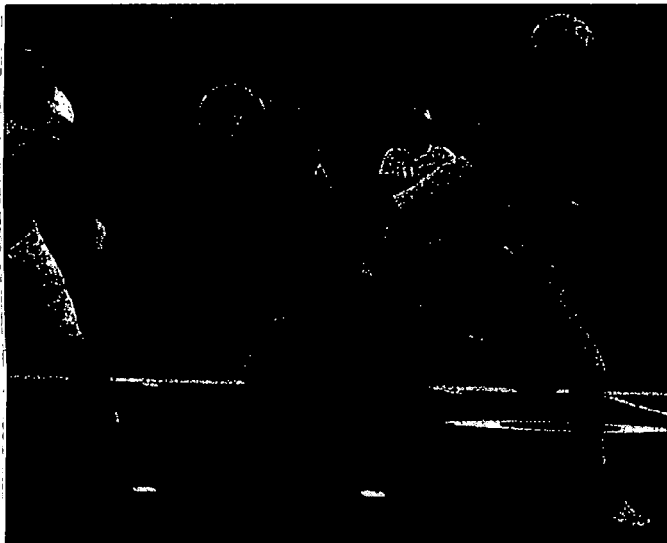
"Losing one game will put you in jeopardy [of losing a spot in the playoffs]," said head coach Bruce Wasam.

Last season, the Cavs lost just two games one to Bethel College (66-48) and the other to The University of the Cumberlands (41-38) in overtime.

The Highland Cavs play the Georgetown Tigers tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in Georgetown, Ky.



Photos by Jessica Price



Top: Junior strong safety James Haley goes for a low tackle against Lambuth's B.A. Davis in the Cavs 51-40 loss.

Left: Senior Randy Hippeard fakes a hand off to junior Hakeem Abdul-Saboor during the Sept. 27 homecoming game against Lambuth.

Not Just A Man's World Fall Break for Athletes?

The athletes on our campus work hard. They may be the hardest working of us all. You would think that they would get a break, right?

This fall break the football, volleyball, golf and cross country teams will compete in games or meets.

It's wrong that they don't have the ability to take a break, relax, visit their families or really even breathe.

The football team is hosting Campbellville on the 11th, and the volleyball team is playing Montreat on the 9th, Milligan on the 10th and Covenant on the 11th.

The Lady Cavs are going to be on the road for each of those games.

The cross country teams have the Hagan Stone Classic on Oct. 4, the first Saturday of our break.

They also have a the Appalachian State meet on the 10th.

For those runners who live some distance away, they are only going to have maybe three days before they have to turn around and drive back to campus.

The golf team is scheduled to play in the King College Invitational on Oct. 6.

Again, for players on the golf team, if they live far away from campus, they won't have that much "down time" at home.

Some people may make the argument that they [the athletes] knew what they were getting into, but, still, that doesn't mean they shouldn't get a break now and then.

That doesn't mean they don't have families or friends that they'd like to see.

They are students, daughters, sons, nephews, nieces, brothers, sisters and friends.

They deserve a break as much as the rest of us.



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Lady Cavs volleyball team hopes to change road record during fall break

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The Lady Cavs volleyball team (5-13, 2-6) will try to break its streak of bad luck on the road next week as the team faces four conference foes in row over fall break.

And, that challenge will be made all the more difficult by the fact that they have lost at home to three of the four teams they will face—Montreat, Bryan, and Covenant.

The Lady Cavs are 2-6 on the road in the month of September and 3-9 for the season. They currently occupy 8th place in the AAC.

Head coach Steve Dallman said that Bryan and Covenant will be the Lady Cavs' toughest opponents.

"As we play them a second time,

hopefully we will do a little better," Dallman said. "We will have an idea of their lineup and how they play."

Bryan (12-3, 7-1) is currently ranked second in the AAC and Covenant (7-9, 4-5) defeated the Lady Cavs in a close five-game match on Sept. 19.

Winning on the road isn't the only problem the Lady Cavs have at the moment. The health of the team is causing Dallman to have rotating lineups. He said that when they find a good combination of players an injury occurs.

"It seems like every time we get a lineup that may work, someone gets hurt," Dallman said.

The Lady Cavs will kick off their four-game road trip tomorrow against Montreat College.

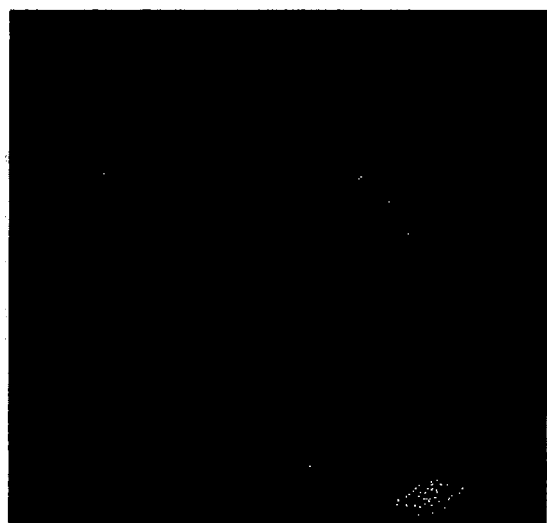


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Senior Brittany Lawson prepares for a serve from Milligan College on Sept. 30. Lawson had 22 digs and three aces in the Lady Cavs' 3-2 victory.



Keith McBride, a junior, is a free safety for the Highland Cavs.

McBride is a pre-pharmacy major from Hampton, Va.

He is described by

teammates as very quick and a dangerous kick returner.

At the Cavs homecoming game against the Lambuth Eagles, McBride proved the latter to be true as he

returned an Eagles kickoff 93-yards for a touchdown.

Last season, he had six returns for 125 yards in 2006. He made three tackles and returned four kick-offs

for 151 yards. McBride continues to be a key player for the Highland Cavs at the next game, on Oct. 4 at Georgetown at 1:30 p.m.

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