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College celebrates Napoleon Hill Day with guest Connelly

From Staff Reports

Author and entrepreneur Jim Connelly worked his way to the top of the business world—starting out as a room clerk at the prestigious Beverly Hills Wilshire Hotel and eventually becoming the hotel's manager.

While he worked at the Wilshire, Connelly was introduced to the ideas of Napoleon Hill, a Wise County native who was an adviser to presidents in the early 20th century and the best-selling author of "Think and Grow Rich," which is often called one of the most important motivational books ever written.

Connelly said Monday during the college's celebration of the 11th annual Napoleon Hill Day that he has molded his life around the philosophies Hill set out in his books.

Connelly said that success in life is a product of thinking, acting and believing like a champion.

During his lecture, Connelly pulled a coin from his pocket. He explained

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Above: Author Jim Connelly shows his book, "One More Sunset" during his talk last Monday

Left: The Napoleon Hill Foundation presents college officials with \$100,000 in Greear Gymnasium.

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Budget Crunch State forces college to make budget cuts

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College administrators have been forced to cut 5 percent of the budget this year as a result of cuts Gov. Tim Kaine implemented for institutions of higher learning across the Commonwealth.

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Governmental Relations Sim Ewing said in a telephone interview that there has been a total budget cut of \$1.7 million this fiscal year, which was taken out in two chunks.

He said the first reduction of \$950,000 has been taken care of in terms of careful budgeting, and Ewing and other administrators are currently planning how to compensate for the remaining \$750,000.

Ewing said the cuts are permanent and that there is a high likelihood that there will be another round of cuts later, possibly this year.

"As [the college continues] to grow, we want to be able to keep up with programs," Ewing said. "But as we are receiving less state money, there's a potential that we might offer fewer course sections and that there will be more people in classes."

Ewing said the college has been trying not to eliminate people. Instead, the college has left some positions vacant, and will hire people into the most critical positions first. He said it wasn't a hiring freeze, but that the college hasn't been filling some positions.

Other areas have been impacted by the budget crunch as well. There has been a 1.8 percent tuition hike for students this year because the college gave up tuition help the state usually gives. The college has eliminated a central fund for employee overtime pay, the replacement of college vehicles (like police cars), and reduced the fund used to purchase things like college cell phones and bottled water, said Ewing.

He also said that each vice chancellor had to cut back within his or her own areas.

Ray Spenilla, athletic director, said in an e-mail that the athletic department implemented a 5 percent reduction in operating budgets, but that they have not had to eliminate any programs or people.

"[Operating budget money] includes monies usually used for such things as equipment, uniforms and practice gear," he said. "We had to take a 'small chunk' out of many areas."

Bill Wendle, director of financial aid, said in an e-mail that student aid will not be impacted by the budget cuts.

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SAB to host Scary on McCraray

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In the spirit of Halloween, the Student Activities Board (SAB) will host Scary on McCraray, a double feature big screen movie night, on Oct. 28 starting at dusk.

SAB will show two movies—"Disturbia" and "Nightmare on Elm Street."

SAB will provide free popcorn and the Residence Hall Association (RHA) will provide free cotton candy.

Scary on McCraray was last held over five years ago and SAB decided to bring it back this semester.

Josh Justice, assistant director of student activities, said only one movie was shown in the past, but this year SAB wanted to show two movies.

"For our campus, it is a great addition to our student activities program," Justice said. "Students enjoy the big screen movies and I think they will enjoy getting together and watching some movies on the lawn before cold weather really sets in."

SAB President Rachel Imburg said it should be fun.

"The school used to do it a while ago so we are trying to bring back old traditions," she said.

Justice said it is a good way for students to relax and enjoy the fall season.

He said if there is a good turnout for the event, SAB will try to incorporate more activities in the event next year.

Bookstore closes student charge for semester

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Students will not be allowed to charge purchases in the bookstore on their Cavs card for the rest of the semester.

This is being done so that the cashier's office can begin issuing unpaid account notices to students and their parents.

"The weeks right before fall and spring breaks are the last weeks that students can use their student charge each semester," said Chad Gentry, college bookstore director.

Gentry said the payment option gives students enough time to pay off their accounts before class registration begins for the next semester.

The change has created mixed reactions from students.

"I think it kind of sucks [that it ended]. It seemed so sudden. I don't always have my wallet with me and it was nice to go in and get something now and pay later," said freshman Emily Baxter.

Freshman Sarah Horner disagreed.

"I think it's a good thing because if you can't pay for it now, then you

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Pedal to the Metal

Despite the cold morning, some students participated in the "Ride Your Bike to School Day" event on Wednesday, as evidenced by the full bike rack outside of Smiddy Hall.

Students and faculty were encouraged to come to school via alternate modes of transportation including carpooling, skateboarding and walking.



Photo by Jessica Price

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KEIRA KNIGHTLY STARS IN THE NEW MOVIE "THE DUCHESS" NOW PLAYING IN LOCAL THEATERS. IS IT WORTH YOUR MONEY THIS WEEKEND? FIND OUT ON PAGE 5.



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International Programs to offer internships in Australia

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The UVA-Wise Office of International Programs is now offering students a number of different internship opportunities in Australia.

The internships are sponsored by Chapman University and run for 10 weeks during the summer.

Witold Wolny, the Director of International Programs, said that the broad list of available internships allows students to pick something that is "tailored to their major."

Wolny said the Australian internships give students a chance to work overseas for a significant amount of time without having to worry about language barriers.

One of the specific internship opportu-

nities—"In the Bin" film festival, the largest touring film festival in Australia—provides interns with hands-on experience with organizing a major entertainment event.

The festival is just "one of the unique internships offered," Wolny said.

The internships cost \$3,000—which includes plane tickets, housing and meals.

Although the price may appear high, Wolny said it is "quite reasonable, especially in today's economy."

He said interested students should take advantage of the program now before the recent economic troubles cause prices to rise even higher.

For more information, interested students should contact Wolny at international_programs@uvawise.edu or visit the website <http://www.uvawise.edu/international>.

UVA-Wise hosts Annual High School Band Competition

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The UVA-Wise Marching Highland Cavaliers hosted the fourth annual High School Band Competition on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Carl C. Smith Stadium.

Thirteen bands from the area competed for the "Papa Joe Smiddy Cup." This year, Lee High won the honor.

Director of Bands Rick Galyean said the trophy was a very special honor and it is awarded to the band with the highest overall score. He said "Papa Joe Smiddy was there to present the trophy along with the trophy's designer Gary Burgeois of Innovative Graphics.

Galyean said he was very pleased with the number of schools that participated.

"We had a great turn out of high school bands this year," he said.

The thirteen bands participating included Virginia schools, Grundy Senior High, Honaker, Northwood, J.J. Kelly, Saint Paul, Appalachia, Holston, Powell Valley, Lee and Cave Spring. Kentucky schools East Ridge, McCreary Central and Southwestern also participated.

Galyean said the event was a group effort sponsored by the college and United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA). He said the USSBA provided the judges and most of the trophies while UVA-Wise provided the facility and the workers.

The competition ended with a special performance by the Cavalier marching band. Galyean said he was extremely proud of the show and the band's hard work.

"The UVA-Wise Marching Highland Cavaliers put on a great exhibition at the competition," Galyean said. "The band is to be commended for their performance and their hard work they put into the competition."

Comedian with cerebral palsy uses self-deprecating humor

Comedian Will Marfisi performed a part of an act Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Student Center.

Marfisi, who lives in Washington, D.C., was born with cerebral palsy. He has been featured on the Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson and on *MTV's* *Road Rules*.

He made both of his parents proud. "I was the only one in my family who has been an Olympian," and chronic back-around (part Asian and part Philippine—where does that lead me?) and took on a whole lot of members.

Marfisi concludes his sketch by sharing some of his personal philosophy.

"Human beings are pretty much all the same," he said. "Anything you do for someone else has felt before. We all have pretty much the same life experiences."

Photo by Allie Robinson

College to stop printing schedules to save money

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Students can expect a change when registering for classes this spring: there will be no paper-based course schedules.

Instead, class schedules will be available exclusively online.

The change is an attempt to comply with institutional budget cuts forced by the state's current budget crisis, said Shelia Cox-Combs, the college's registrar and assistant dean.

"The schedule was the least important thing I could cut from my budget because it's available online," Cox-

Combs said.

"The schedules cost around \$2,000 to print, and something always ends up being wrong by the time they come off the press," she said.

The online schedules will save money as well as provide for instant access to class changes and cancellations, Cox-Combs said.

Cox-Combs said the online schedules will prevent students from attempting to enroll in classes that are no longer being offered.

In the coming weeks, the registrar's office will be circulating fliers that provide instructions to students on how to access the schedule via the college's student information portal.

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should just wait until you can afford it," Horner said.

A \$500 limit is placed on student charge accounts and can be used on anything in the bookstore.

"It's like a credit limit," Gentry said. "This gives students or their parents two to three months of no charges. This is especially good if student loans have not gone through yet."

UVA-Wise policy does not allow students to sign up for the next semester of classes without paying off all expenses of the previous semester.

"I understand why, but it is just kind

of inconvenient now," Baxter said.

Gentry said that since the "most popular method" of payment ended, the bookstore has seen a difference in sales but does not take it as a major blow.

"There has been some impact [on sales]," Gentry said. "It has slowed down [to a point where] people are only buying drinks, snacks, and small items but in the long run, we don't want to be a burden on students. We also don't want to create friction at home with parents."

Students can begin charging again at the beginning of the spring semester.

OPINION

To Vote or Not to Vote, That is the Question

I think it's safe to say that the majority of Americans are ready for a new president.

Whether you're a republican or democrat, eight years have gone by and President Bush must relinquish his hold on the most revered job in the United States.

Either Senator Barack Obama or Senator John McCain will succeed Bush in office after Nov. 4. Americans will hold their breath as they wait to see just how many changes the new president will really enforce.

But that isn't the point that I would like to focus on this week.

What are you doing about this change of power? America has a lot going on right now. The economy is wavering like leaves in a constant breeze, and oil prices are ridiculous high.

I think it's safe to say that the outcome of this election is one of the most important for our country.

We need a president who will lead us with dignity and use their power gracefully. America needs a fresh slate.

Issues such as the economy, abortion, gay rights, and gun control are flying through the air like a tornado raging along the campaign trail, leaving only confused citizens in its wake.

Candidates are attacking one another at every turn in hopes of securing just one more vote. After turning on the television I am continually disgusted by the political games candidates must play in order to achieve votes through condemning commercials, but I still feel passionate about this election.

Do you have that same passion rumbling around inside of you? Granted, I'm not the most political person in the world, but I value my right as an American citizen to vote and voice my opinion freely with millions of others on Election Day—especially this Election Day.

So, what are you doing on Nov. 4? It's really not an issue of political parties or your personal stance on hot button issues. It's an issue of the country coming together as a united nation to form a general consen-

sus about which man will run the country in the most appropriate way for the next four years.

For some reason our Founding Fathers felt it necessary to break from England's rule. Let us not forget that we were once ruled by kings and queens who made the decisions for the colonies by themselves.

We are part of a democracy. Let's act like one.

Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin believed in a person's right to vote. How often do we forget to respect that right today?

I also find it necessary to remind all of the women of the suffrage movement. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony spent much of their lives fighting for such a prestigious cause for you to throw it away on Election Day, ladies.

It's time to be heard. For many students, this is potentially our first chance to vote in a presidential election; it may be only the second time. Instead of shrugging our shoulders and mumbling a vague "Whatever" into the political, tension-filled air, let's do something with that power. Go vote.

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A Chance for Change

By Kemper Edwards

The 2008 election could possibly be the most important election of our lifetime.

We have experienced many horrors over the last eight years.

We have experienced 9/11 and troops have been in Iraq since March 19, 2003.

We have seen gas prices rise, and many Americans are now facing foreclosure on their homes and/or loss of pensions.

These events have taken a toll on Americans. We have the privilege and right to vote for the leaders of this nation and this election is our chance for a change.

Senator Barack Obama stands for change. He calls for a withdrawal from our troops. According to www.johnmccain.com, Sen. John McCain believes that we should keep our troops in Iraq until Iraq can "... get its economy back up on its feet." We cannot help Iraq's economy get on its feet when our own economy is losing its legs.

According to www.barackobama.com,

Sen. Barack Obama wants to give a tax cut to 95 percent of working families. This plan gives a tax cut to those workers making less than \$200,000 per year. Under this plan, no family will pay taxes any higher than they did in the 1990s. According to Senator McCain's Website, he wants to handout more corporate tax cuts.

Our deficit is too large to give any more money to Wall Street.

Sen. Obama is a candidate for change. He opposes the failed policies in the current administration.

Meanwhile, Sen. McCain has voted with President Bush over 90 percent of the time.

We have the privilege and right to vote. I am ready for change.

I will cast my ballot on Nov. 4 for Sen. Barack Obama.

I encourage you to join me and vote for change.

Edwards is a senior at UVA-Wise and is the president of the UVA-Wise Young Democrats

American Political Culture and the Election of 2008

By Garrett W. Sheldon

One way of looking at the upcoming U.S. election, especially that between Presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain, is through historical American political culture, or the habits, attitudes and characteristics that undergird our policy positions. Political "culture" emanates from deeper associations and relationships, including moral, religious, economic, familial and social. This culture changes much more slowly than policy proposals and popular ideas and so endures through history.

The best description of our nation's cultural constitution remains Alexis de Tocqueville's "Democracy in America." Despite its age, this insightful study of the manners, morals, institutions, and social practices in the United States continues to define the essential culture of America.

What are some of the essential aspects of how America was and is constituted? Tocqueville saw the values of American democracy—equality and liberty, which could lead

to the excesses of tyranny and anarchy—as restrained by the salubrious cultural aspects of American society: the Christian religion; aristocracy in the legal profession and among businessmen; public-spiritedness through free associations; strong traditional families; and a basic decency of manners. These cultural aspects of American society serve as the organic constitution, without which the abstract principles of liberty and equality in the written, political Constitution cannot remain functional.

Foremost in the protection of American political rights, for Tocqueville, was the existence of a healthy Christian church. Indeed, Tocqueville refers to America's Puritan origins as a fundamental "point of departure," and asserts that "there is not one opinion, one habit, one law, I could say one event, that the point of departure does not explain without difficulty." The varied denominations produced by religious freedom create general Christian ethos in the United States, which civilizes morals and restrains the excesses of democracy.

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Budget

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Construction on campus will also not be greatly affected by budget cuts this year, because the money for construction projects has been already set aside.

The college cannot reallocate funding that has been bonded to a specific fund, Ewing said.

"We have money to build specific things," Ewing said. "The state isn't paying cash for construction."

Ewing said that at this point, it is hard to tell where the college's budget will be next year.

"With the economy this year, all traditional indicators [of what it could

be next year] are out the window," he said. "It's so hard to forecast. Usually at this time of year we have a good idea of what next year's budget will be, but now we don't have the same sense of where we are and where to go. All institutions are facing the same thing."

Ewing said that the college is trying to keep high quality programs despite financial strain.

"We're watching everything closely and working with institutions around the state," he said. "Maybe we'll have to do some things differently...[but] we're handling things well."

Staff meetings are held Fridays outside the Honor Court room at 1 p.m. and are open to ANYONE who wants to be involved with the paper.

News Briefs

AlertNow Emergency System Implemented last week

The new AlertNow system was tested last Wednesday and Thursday. The system calls students' phones and sends them an email informing them of emergencies on campus.

The system still has a few bugs to work out - Vice Chancellor of Technology Keith Fowlkes said that the email and phone messages were out of sync. Instead of receiving them immediately, some students got them nearly four hours after they were sent. There will be more tests in the future to make sure the system works.

Students may go online to home.uvawise.edu and click on "AlertNow" to choose the phone number and email address these messages will be sent to. Students may also choose to opt out of receiving messages, but Fowlkes said he strongly recommends students do not opt out.

Writing/reporting by Cortni Bailey, Valeria Soroko and Allie Robinson

First Annual Technology Symposium held yesterday

The first annual UVA-Wise technology symposium was held yesterday in the Student Center.

Speakers for the event included Jim Green, CEO of Composite Software in San Mateo, Ca., Tom Deadrick of onepartner in Duffield, Keith Fowlkes, vice chancellor of technology, Alex Edwards, professor of computer science and Ken Griffith of Clinch Mountain Communications.

Topics covered ranged from "Developing in the 'Silicon Mountains'" to "Building Business Presence on the Web" to "Using Open Source Software as a Business Tool."

Two panel discussions were held in the afternoon for students to discuss regional careers in technology-related business and entrepreneurship in technology.

Letter to the Editor...

Every year our organization, affectionately known as MCA or the Multi Cultural Alliance, works towards spreading awareness on our beloved campus on the many educational opportunities concerning multicultural issues for the students, faculty and staff at the college as well as for the surrounding community.

We are able to achieve this by engaging the student body, community and faculty members in special programs, panel discussions, etc.

Our goal is to create an atmosphere on the campus where all people will be treated with equal respect and will be provided with equal access to every facet of UVA-Wise's programs, irrespective of race, gender, age, national origin, ethnic group, religion or any disabling condition.

Our fight is made possible by the continuous and generous support of our campus community. In past years, the

MCA has been able to give back to our community by extending ourselves further than the boundaries of our campus, from sponsoring prom nights at our local shelter for senior citizens, to arranging reading sessions with the nearby head-start program. This year, we hope to continue servicing our community and student body as we have managed to do throughout the years.

Although we have been able to accomplish a multitude of tasks, we must acknowledge the financial support that we have obtained from not only our faculty members, but members of the community as well with whom we would not have had the fiscal ability to achieve many of our goals.

Our organization has been fortunate enough to partake in leadership conventions at James Madison University for the past three years, an experience that has enabled us all to contribute even more to our external and internal environment

using our newly acquired skills.

However, this excursion is not one without cost and today we humbly implore you to support our organization by making a simple donation of \$5 or \$10. Your donation will not only allow our current and prospective members to attend the conference this year, but will also enable us to establish more programs on campus.

To make a donation, please send a check, payable to MCA, to Ms. Sandra Jones, Multi-Cultural Alliance, One College Avenue, Wise VA 24293.

Thank you for your time and your generosity.

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Vote because somebody fought for your right to personally do so in the American Revolution or the Women's Suffrage Movement.

Vote because people died to give you this right to cherish and take part in, not to throw in the gutter like a discarded cigarette butt.

Vote because you can.

This is your country. Ultimately, you hold the decision of the next world leader in your hands. The chosen president will then hold in his hands the powers of war or peace and death or life.

This is the greatest appointment your country has ever scheduled for you. Don't be late.



Campus & Lifestyle

Counting Down the Days Until Halloween

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With Halloween just around the corner, many of you may be getting excited to start playing tricks on all your favorite or least favorite teachers. As long as you don't go too far overboard, the Highland Cavalier would like to help by getting you ready for the big day.

To help get you in the mood, we've compiled a short list of some things you can do each day of this week to get ready for Halloween.

Sunday-Visit a Corn Maze: Of course you know this one was coming. If you haven't been to one, corn mazes are surprisingly fun.

For an hour—or sometimes longer—you get to be a mouse in a giant maze searching for the exit. It can be especially fun if you take a group of friends and see who can make it out first. And probably most importantly, it's a cheap date.

Local corn mazes can be found in Big Stone Gap and Castlewood.

Monday-Go to a Haunted House: Traditionally, haunted houses can be a little corny. Nobody wants to go to one that does not nearly scare them to death.

However, that doesn't mean they aren't worth at least trying out. Although the Mountain Empire's "Haunted Forest" is closed this year, there is a haunted house behind K-Mart at Lee's Quick Lube called "Scare Factory."

And again, at only \$5 per person, it can be yet another cheap date.

Tuesday-Go to "Scary on McCrary": Starting at dusk on Tues. night, the Student Activities Board will be showing a horror double feature—"Disturbia" and "Nightmare on Elm Street"—on the McCrary lawn.

If you're looking for a cheap Halloween date, this is the mack daddy of them all. The event is free for all students. SAB is even providing free popcorn and cotton candy.

Who wouldn't like that? The only problem with this event is that it will probably be very, very cold. However, this is yet another reason that this is the perfect date.

Bring a blanket—and possibly a space heater—and cozy up next to that special someone, or just any someone.

Wednesday-Buy a Costume in Johnson City: The majority of people like to shop for their costumes on-line. It's quicker and sometimes cheaper.

But you really don't get a feel for how a costume will look from the models who wear them on websites. For that reason, you have to go to Johnson City to see how a costume will look on you.

Johnson City has at least three costume shops in a one mile radius. Try on a few different costumes even if you're not planning on buying them.

Have fun and get yourself ready for Friday.

Thursday-Have a Horror Movie Marathon: As the ultimate preparation for



Halloween, a movie marathon is at the top of the list.

The best part is it can be any type of horror movie you want it to be. Want to see the corny slasher horror flicks? Pick up the "Scream" or "Halloween" series.

Like your horror with a little bit of mystery? How about any of the remakes of the Japanese horror flicks.

Do you just want to see some zombies? "28 Days Later," "28 Weeks Later" and the "Resident Evil" series are great choices.

Head over to Movie Starz or Food City Video early to make sure you get your favorites.

Friday-Wear a Costume to Class: While you probably don't want to wear the "sexy nurse" outfit or your "Adam in the garden" costume, it's still a great chance to show some Halloween spirit. You'll probably receive some well-deserved attention from students and faculty alike.

And with Halloween falling on a Friday this year, you'll have the whole weekend to live down whatever you wear. Enjoy!

Campus Calendar

Saturday, Oct. 25
Campus Preview Day, Gym, 9 a.m.

OREC Paintball Trip

Cavs football at Pikeville 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 26
INT 12th annual UVA-Wise Flag Football Scramble

Monday, Oct. 27
INT Gleg Football Tournament

FBLA & PBL Fall Conference, Gym, 10 a.m.

What to Know from the PO-PO - Drug Awareness, Henson Lobby 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 28
Diversity Career Fair, Charlottesville

SAB Scary on McCrary, McCrary Lawn, 8 p.m.

Lady Cavs vs. Mountain State, Gym, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29
SAB Hump Days - Pumpkin Carving & Games, Jefferson Plaza 11 a.m.

INT Volleyball Captain's Meeting - 3rd Floor SSC, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 30
Lady Cavs Volleyball at Virginia Intermont

Residence Life Fall Fun Festival

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The aristocracies of lawyers and businessmen, the one by its education and the other by its wealth, serve for Tocqueville as parts of the American social constitution that mitigate against democratic "tyranny of the majority" and the potential anarchy of strict equality. Indeed, Tocqueville notes that "[t]he American aristocracy is at the attorney's bar and on the judges' bench." Lawyers, trained in the methodical workings of the law, play a valuable role in the American cultural constitution: "To their democratic instincts they secretly oppose their aristocratic penchants; to their love of novelty, their superstitious respect for what is old; to the immensity of their designs, their narrow views; to their scorn for rules, their taste for forms; and to their enthusiasm, their habit of proceeding slowly."

It is in this way that a good lawyer—and a good judge—can maintain the cultural constitution by encouraging the people "not to be unfaithful to their own laws and to remain in accord with themselves." Such restraint serves the interests of all, for attacks on all types of authority ultimately promote only the chaos which

most harms those of low income and status, as Thomas Hobbes effectively explained.

Freedom of private associations (for example, social clubs, churches, and benevolent societies), while allowing what strict egalitarians deride as "discrimination," promotes, for Tocqueville, voluntary public-spiritedness. Public-spiritedness, in turn, prevents the populace from relying totally on the government, and "[t]he inhabitant of the United States learns from birth that he must rely on himself to struggle against the evils and obstacles of life."

Strong, healthy families also form an important part of the American social constitution, supporting the political rights and democratic elements of the written Constitution. Although lacking the strict parental authority of family life in aristocratic societies, Tocqueville found the American family more intimate, loving and stable.

The persistence of the "family values" issue in American political life—despite multitudinous attempts at destroying that institution—attests to the fundamental nature of the family in the

American cultural constitution. The failure of the state to find any substitute for the moral and emotional role of the family reveals the enduring value of society of that timeless institution. A country respectful of this valuable constitutional component would not only refrain from further undermining it by specious reference to the written Constitution, but would reinforce it through appropriate public laws.

Given these prevailing American cultural ideas: basic Christianity, traditional families, economic freedom, private associations and a strong work ethic, the Republican Party candidates McCain and Palin seem to reflect our country's core values and culture more than the opposing party and candidates.

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Napoleon

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to the audience that the coin had meaningful phrases engraved on it. "Think like a champion," he said as he read the phrases aloud. "Change your life. 'Have a winning attitude.' 'Thick skin.' 'Giving is getting.'"

After Connelly gave everyone in the audience a copy of his coin, he told the story that changed his perspective on life.

"My sister was working at a bowling alley and I had ridden with my father to go pick her up from work," he said. "When we arrived, my father looked at me and said, 'Do we have to pay to go in there?'"

"That's when I decided that I was going through that door and any other door I wanted to go through."

Connelly took five years to graduate from high school and then served a two-year stint in the Army.

When he returned home to Turtle Creek, Pa., he was in and out of trouble with local police and drank too much. He said his wasted potential was beginning to mirror that of his alcoholic father's.

Connelly was in court and facing jail time. A judge thought otherwise—and let Connelly go free.

"The judge said to me, 'Jim, I don't want to see you in this court again,'" Connelly said. "I told the judge that day he would never see me again."

Soon after, Connelly left his hometown for California, with just \$100 in his pocket and no plans for what he would do once he reached the West Coast.

He showed up on the doorstep of the Wilshire, got a job as a room clerk, and turned his life around.

Connelly currently is chairman of Integrated Communications Services, a nationwide communications and information systems services provider, which he co-founded with his son. He is a well-known speaker and author of the motivational book "One More Sunset."

Connelly said that it is important for people not to blame their lack of success on their surroundings or hindrances in life.

"It's not what happens to you in life," he said. "It's what you do about it that matters."

Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus & Andrew Feinstein



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Entertainment

THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT

Movies

(All released on Oct. 24)

"Saw V"

(Lionsgate)
Cast: Scott Patterson, Cassi Mandyfor, R. Harris
Genre: Horror
Plot: Forensics expert Hoffman (Mandyfor) tries to clear himself from being identified as the newest person to carry on Jigsaw's legacy. (IMDb.com)

"Pride and Glory"

(New Line Cinema)
Cast: Edward Norton, Colin Farrell
Genre: Crime/Drama
Plot: A family's moral code is tested when Ray Tierney (Norton) investigates a case that reveals an incendiary police corruption scandal involving his own brother-in-law (Farrell). (IMDb.com)

Music

(All released on Oct. 28th)

Tracy Keenan

"That Don't Make Me a Bad Guy?"

(Show Dog Nashville)
Genre: Country

John Legend

"Elevation"
(G.O.O.D./Roc-A-Fella)
Genre: R&B

New Patrol

"A Hundred Million Stars"
(Roc-A-Fella)
Genre: Alternative

Frank

"Paradise"
(Roc-A-Fella)
Genre: Pop

Video Games

Illusion 3

(Bellini Software)
Oct. 28, Xbox 360, PS3, Wii, PC

Genre: Action (M)
Plot: You play as a character who is a member of a secret organization that is trying to stop a global threat.

Gladius Hero World

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"The Duchess" a great movie for female moviegoers

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"The Duchess," a period piece movie starring Keira Knightley and Ralph Fiennes, easily will be nominated for an Oscar, with Knightley and Fiennes both at least receiving a nomination each.

The plot was well written, the outfits were amazing and the acting was superb.

The movie is based on the life of Georgiana Cavendish, the Duchess of Devonshire, played by Knightley. The film takes some creative liberties, but overall, it sticks to historically accurate facts.

In the beginning of the movie, Georgiana becomes engaged and married to the Duke of Devonshire William Cavendish.

The Duke shows himself to be far from faithful to his wife, as he flirts with other women and even has a naked one fleeing from his room.

When Georgiana makes friends with a woman, Lady Bess as she comes to be known as, she invites her to live with them.



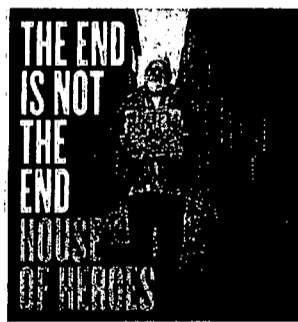
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House of Heroes brings storytelling back to forefront with new album

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Musical storytellers are hard to come by these days.

It seems the music industry frowns on concept albums. Aside from Green Day's "American Idiot," the modern mainstream has shunned such epic attempts at creativity. Gone are the days of The Who's "Tommy" and Pink Floyd's "The Wall."



Sometimes it takes an obscure band to show just how much music and storytelling are made for each other.

House of Heroes shows just that as they not only cement themselves as unbelievable storytellers, but they prove that you don't have to sacrifice rock riffs and catchy pop choruses in the name of art with their newest, love and war themed album, "The End is Not the End."

The album's first track, "If," sets the tone for the rest of the record with its story-driven lyrics painted across catchy melodies. The song tells of a man's need for love, no matter how much its effects can hurt. Lead singer Tim Skipper opens to the love of his life: "If you were mine I'd tear the altar down of all that I've lost to romance/ If you were mine I'd risk my dignity if only to give love a chance."

"Lose Control" might possibly be the best track on the album with its speeding guitar riffs to go along with an anthem-like chorus. The



It's a little predictable that the Duke and Lady Bess will have "relations," but nonetheless, it happens, and Georgiana is none to happy about it.

This is one scene in the movie where Knightley does an amazing job at showing the emotions Georgiana would have been feeling.

But, while the Duke is physically cheating, Georgiana forms an emotional attachment to a lawyer and old friend of hers, Charles Grey.

The relationship between Georgiana and Grey becomes more than friendship when she goes to Bath for a vacation. While there, the two fall deeper in love, furthering the tension between Georgiana and the Duke.

Some members of the audience may find parts of the film slow and that some of the scenes drag on, but I felt that every second of that movie was worth the \$8 it cost me to go see it.

For ladies, it's a movie that you want to go see with your friends, for men, it's a movie you want to go see with your significant other, if you want to hear about how horrible Fiennes' character was in the beginning.

Honestly, it was a great movie that is definitely made for the female audience.

Rapid Reviews Music

AC/DC
"Black Ice"
(Columbia)

"In a postmodern age of irony and cynicism, of self-absorbed navel-gazing, when too many bands want to make vapid political statements and shallow social commentary, AC/DC reliably deliver the goods: solid blues-based rock 'n' roll that gets the blood pumping and the air guitar strumming."

Steve Shymanik/Popmatters.com

Lee Ann Womack
"Call Me Crazy"
(MCA Nashville)

"This overdue follow-up, 'Call Me Crazy' brings in a new producer (Tony Brown) but has Lee Ann Womack in much the same traditionalist mode, sounding like a distaff version of George Jones at his finest."

Chris Williams/Entertainment Weekly

Movies

"Max Payne"
(20th Century Fox)

"With its flat story, numbed-out protagonist, and faux artistic lighting and set design - everything is dark or moody or darkish moody or moodily dark - Max Payne seems a good half hour longer than it's running time."

Mick LaSalle/San Francisco Chronicle

"W"

(Lionsgate)

"It's a gutsy movie but not necessarily a good one. Its greatest strength is that it wants to talk about what's on our minds right now and not wait for historians."

Kirk Honeycutt/The Hollywood Reporter

Video Games

Fable II
(Xbox 360)

"No interactive world has ever felt quite so alive as Fable 2, where many paths are open, but all choices have consequences. Deep, accessible and endlessly adaptive, it is a boundary-pushing experience that players will still be exploring long after the hype has faded."

Ben Fritz/Variety

Little Big Planet
(PS3)

"There's really nothing I can say other than this: If you own a PS3 and you don't buy Little Big Planet, you are robbing yourself of one of the most unique gaming experiences ever designed."

The K. Kim/Gamepro



Photo obtained from www.4mat.com

Quick Hits

Volleyball team falls to King College

The Lady Cavs volleyball team lost Tuesday in three straight sets to King College (25-17, 24-26, 19-25).

With the win, King moved into a tie for 1st place in the division, while the Lady Cavs have fallen to 8-18, dropping down to 8th.

Senior Kristen Salyer made 20 kills, four digs, one block and one ace, while freshman Mikaela Anders had 12 kills. Fellow freshman Eleanor Alton Lafoon made eight kills.

Senior Britney Lawson wrapped up the evening with 16 digs.

The Lady Cavs will host Mountain State University on Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

Cavs defeat Cumberland University

Defense was the winning force behind the 11th-ranked Highland Cavs' 27-14 win on Oct. 18 against Cumberland University.

Freshman Amondre Johnson made two tackles, one of which caused a Cumberland fumble and a recovery on the part of the Cavs.

Junior Marvin White added six stops, a forced fumble and a breakup for the team.

Junior James Haley had one interception, three tackles, and recovered a fumble.

The Cavs offense was solid, with senior Randy Hippeard completing 22 of 35 passes. He also became the first 10,000-yard and 100 touchdown passer in school history.

Junior Matt Barbour had eight catches and fellow junior Hakem Abdul-Sabour caught five passes and scored two touchdowns.

The Cavs next game is Oct. 25 1:30 p.m. against Pikeville College.

"I hope our team is looking forward to the Pikeville game as an opportunity to continue to improve," said head coach Bruce Wasem.

Another McCoy joins Lady Cavs softball team

Softball's Megan McCoy will welcome her younger sister, Miranda, to the Lady Cavs' team in 2010.

Miranda McCoy, who currently attends Princess Anne High in Virginia Beach, signed with the Lady Cavs softball team Monday.

McCoy was selected as the team's 2008 MVP and made the 2007 All-Eastern Region and All-State teams.

For her career, McCoy has a .385 average, 36 doubles, seven triples, nine home runs and stolen nine bases in her high school career.

Lady Cavs head coach Tori Roby-Gentry said that McCoy will likely take a position as a middle infielder.

Road woes finally over for Lady Cavs

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The Lady Cavs volleyball team picked up its first road win on Oct. 18 against conference rival Tennessee Wesleyan.

After falling to Tennessee Wesleyan in the first game 22-25, the Lady Cavs battled back and won three straight games (25-23, 25-20, 25-20) to end the match.

Coach Steve Dallman said the Lady Cavs got off to a quick lead, but blocking errors were one of the leading causes to losing the first game of the match.

After the first game, Dallman switched to a new defensive strategy that the team had not run all season.

The new defense moved freshman Amy Collier and senior Kaitlyn Collins to the right side of the block, cutting down the number of hits from Tennessee Wesleyan.

Dallman said he thought the adjustments were what really helped the Lady Cavs win the match.

"I was really proud of them for adjusting so well, because we hadn't played [the new defense] all year," Dallman said. "It took Tennessee Wesleyan a while to figure out what we were doing."

The Lady Cavs' performance was not flawless during the match, but there were fewer unforced errors than in previous games and the hitting average also improved.

"There were more errors than I would like," Dallman said. "But we got better as the match went on and that's all that matters."

Senior Kristen Salyer provided the Lady Cavs with 22 kills, which helped her earn the title of "Hitter of the Week" in the conference.

"Kristen's been hitting really well," Dallman said. "She started out kind of slow, but she's really picked it up and it's been a big help."

The next game for the Lady Cavs is on Oct. 28 against Mountain State University at 7 p.m.

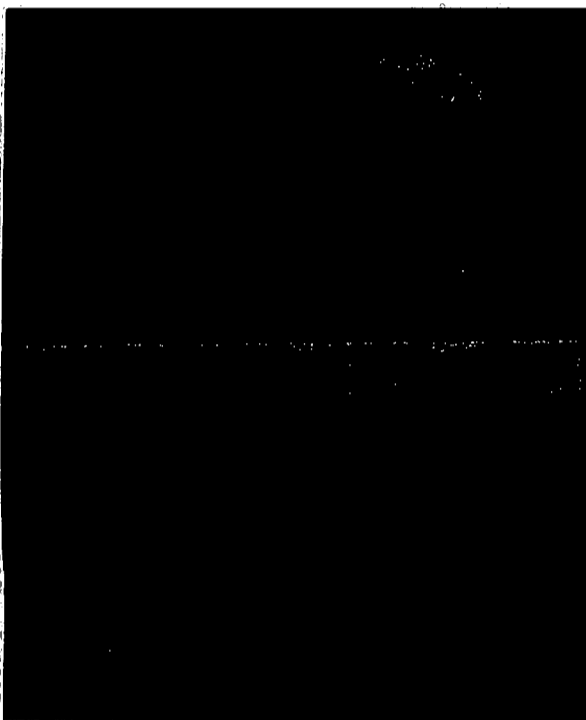


Photo by Jessica Price

Freshman Mikaela Anders attempts to make a block during a Lady Cavs practice on Wednesday, Oct. 22. The next game for the Lady Cavs is on Oct. 28 against Mountain State University.

Not Just A Man's World Hard Times All Around

Nowadays, it's no secret that the economy is in a state of turmoil.

The stock market is struggling, gas prices just started to decline and the cost of living is increasing.

For middle class families, it's becoming harder and harder to stay in the middle class.

Some families have to cut back on family trips or vacations. Some have had to stop buying "wants" along with "needs."

And most middle class families have stopped attending sports events.

The average American middle class family can no longer afford to pay \$200 for MLB tickets or \$500-\$700 for NFL tickets.

Yet the NFL set an all-time attendance record last season and MLB enjoyed its highest spring training numbers.

How are sports enjoying record attendance, when families are cutting back on things in so many ways? It's simple.

The fans who continue to go to game after game are high-end customers, who are taking the seats from those who can no longer afford to go to the games (a.k.a. the middle class).

The ugly truth of the matter is that people like lawyers and doctors are the ones who are keeping the sports arenas alive.

Your average American citizen, like all the "Joe the Plumbers" out there, isn't going to games anymore, and those tickets are being bought by the richer crowd.

So, the question is: should professional sports lower ticket prices to reel back their middle class fans? Or, should they keep prices where they are, and it's just "too bad, so sad" for "Joe the Plumber?"

Going to a sporting event shouldn't just be for the wealthy, everyone should get to participate, even with the economy in a sad state.



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Killough finishes first among NAIA runners at Blue Ridge Open Gold

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Sophomore Brittany Killough finished tenth overall on Oct. 18 in the Blue Ridge Open Gold with a time of 18:38, but came in first among all NAIA runners.

The Lady Cavs ran with NCAA Division I schools like Clemson and Davidson.

Freshman Kayla Balthis posted a time of 21:15, and finished twenty-sixth in the race overall and second among NAIA participants.

Freshman Mary Katherine Phipps posted a time of 22:02 and came in thirty-eighth.

Killough's fellow sophomore, Tamara Haack placed 57th overall with a time of

24:07. This is not the first time this season that Killough has been extremely successful at a meet.

At the Hagan Stone Classic on Oct. 4, she finished third, before runners from Duke, North Carolina and Radford.

Haack said that Killough is "amazing."

"She works harder than anyone I know. We are really proud to have her on the team. She's an asset both as a runner and as a teammate."

Killough held her own against the Division I schools at the meet, Haack said.

The next meet for both cross country teams is the AAC Championship on Nov. 1.



File Photo

Sophomore Brittany Killough took 10th place overall at the Oct. 18 Blue Ridge Open Gold. She placed first among all the NAIA runners at the meet. Killough ran against runners from NCAA Division I schools like Clemson and Davidson.

Senior outside hitter Kristen Salyer made 20 kills, four digs, one block and one ace in the Lady Cavs' straight set loss to King College Tuesday.

The team has strug-

gled so far this season, losing several games in a row, but Salyer herself has improved steadily as the season has progressed.

In the Oct. 18 game against Tennessee Wes-

leyan, she had seven digs and four blocks. The team won the game, 25-22, 23-25, 20-25, 20-25.

And in the Oct. 14 gam against Bluefield, Salyer had 13 digs and

two blocks. The Lady Cavs won the game, 5-13, 18-25, 25-16, 25-22.

Salyer leads the team with 263 kills on the season. She also has 209 digs so far this season.