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Bradshaw visits Kenya on church mission trip

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For the past 12 years, Lelia Bradshaw has dreamed of traveling to the African continent.

Her opportunity to do so didn't come until last month when she traveled to Kenya as part of a 12-person mission trip sponsored by Mike Jenkins' Evangelistic Association.

While there, Bradshaw, the college's assistant director of the Center of Student Development, observed the high levels of sickness and poverty that have ravaged the country and the contentment that everyday Kenyans have as they face these adversities.

"They have so little, yet they are so happy and rich in everything else...I quickly realized that we have nothing to complain about here. I have nothing to complain about, to speak for myself," Bradshaw said.

Bradshaw said she was not expecting the poverty to be as intense as it was.

"I was shocked [about the poverty]... The further back you go [in the towns] the worse it gets."

The television images we see here in the U.S. are accurate to the situation faced by the African people, Bradshaw said.

"You always think sometimes on TV that they pull the dirtiest children and you don't know if it's true, but it is very



true," she said. "A lot of people live on the street, [and] in the parks begging for food. The need was much greater than I anticipated."

Bradshaw said the mission team provided supplies to orphanages, schools and a women's prison during its time in Kenya. The team brought baby ointment, diapers and dried milk to the orphanages, educational supplies to the schools and shampoo and lotion to the prisons.

And, at every stop, the children were excited to see team members.

"They were just so ecstatic to see us and spend time with us," she said. "We would pull up in our vans and the children would just come running. Hundreds

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Potter wins 2nd Annual Cavs Talent Show

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Photos by Brittany Wichtendahl

Junior Jahmal Potter can rap. In fact, he can rap so well that he won \$500 worth of textbooks for the spring semester.

During the Second Annual Cavs Talent show held on Monday and Tuesday in the Slemph Center, Potter beat out nine other contestants in two rounds of performances.

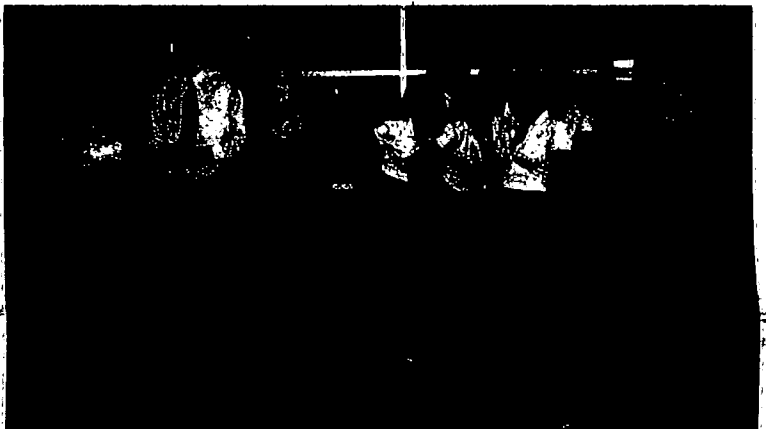
His winning act was a rap titled "The Interview."

"It went pretty good," Potter said. "I'm sort of critical so I'm not going to say it went perfect."

The second place winner was junior Jade Bolling, who performed an original piece called "Rooms Apart."

"I did an original song and I think it went really well and the crowd seemed to enjoy it,"

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Top: Junior Jahmal Potter raps during the second round of the Cavs Talent Show on Tuesday night. Above: The five finalists line up to receive their awards Tuesday night.

Rash headlines Coffee Night

Appalachian author shares excerpts from new book

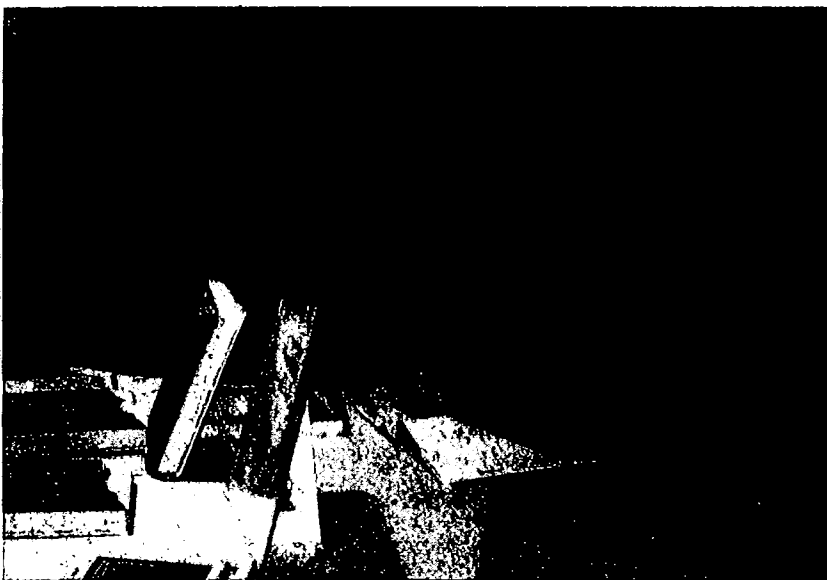


Photo by Daniel Robinson

Ron Rash signs copies of his book "Serena" during intermission of Coffee Night on Nov. 13. Rash read excerpts from "Serena" as well as "One Foot in Eden" to members of the campus community.

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Jimson Weed hosted another Coffee Night on Nov. 13 in the Chapel of All Faiths.

Students, faculty and members of the community filled the seats of the Chapel to enjoy coffee, tea, cookies and poetry.

Special guests highlighted the first half of the night.

This year's featured guest was Appalachian writer Ron Rash, the John Parris Distinguished Professor of Appalachian Studies at Western Carolina University.

Rash shared excerpts from one of his earlier novels, "One Foot in Eden," and from his newest release titled, "Serena."

"It's always great to come up here because I feel like the people in Wise understand the world I am writing about," he said. "The Appalachian writing of western North Carolina and the world here are essentially the same."

Jimson Weed Managing Editor Jade Bolling said she thought the audience "really seemed to like him."

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Students continue to use gravel road

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Despite countless announcements and posted signs, members of the campus community continue to illegally use the gravel road alongside Culbertson Hall.

The road, meant for construction vehicle use only, is being used regularly by non-construction vehicles such as individuals affiliated with the daycare or students taking a short cut on and off campus.

"It's not all students," said Campus Police Chief Steve McCoy. "It's a lot of visitors. We're trying to monitor it more."

Although drivers are still using the road, McCoy said it's not

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THE CAVS AND LADY CAVS BASKETBALL TEAMS PLAYED AT HOME AGAINST AAC RIVAL UNION COLLEGE ON WEDNESDAY. FIND OUT HOW BOTH TEAMS FARED ON PAGE 6.



THE NEW BOND FLICK "QUANTUM OF SOLACE" EARNED \$67 MILLION AT THE BOX OFFICE LAST WEEKEND. SEE WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT ON PAGE 5.

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Anders and Salyer make All-Appalachian Athletic Conference teams

The Lady Cavs volleyball team has two players who were chosen for the All-Appalachian Athletic Conference teams on Nov. 14.

Freshman Mikaela Anders was chosen for the first team while her senior teammate Kristen Salyer was chosen for the second team.

Anders averaged 2.86 kills per match this season, had a .290 hitting percentage, and made 300 kills, 82 blocks, 10 aces and 35 digs.

This is Anders' first time on the All-AAC first team and the All-Freshman squad.

Salyer will make her last appearance for the All-ACC second team.

In her last season at UVa-Wise, Salyer made 345 kills, 272 digs, 47 blocks and averaged 3.11 kills per game.

Lady Cavs sign two new players for the 2009 season

The Lady Cavs volleyball team has signed two new players for next season.

Appalachia High's Britany Craft and Powell Valley High's Mandy Blanton have both signed to join the team next fall.

Craft has been an outside hitter for Appalachia where she was on the All-Lonesome Pine District first team and second team.

Blanton, who is team captain at Powell Valley, helped her team to its first Lonesome Pine District championship last season.

So far this season, Blanton has 183 digs, 89 aces and 74 kills.

Both Craft and Blanton are set to start playing for the Lady Cavs in Fall 2009.

Lady Cavs volleyball season officially over with loss against Tennessee Wesleyan

The Lady Cavs volleyball team fell to Tennessee Wesleyan for the first time this season during the Appalachian Athletic Conference playoffs.

Although the Lady Cavs played and defeated Tennessee Wesleyan twice during the regular season, they lost the match in three games (19-25, 19-25, 22-25).

Freshman Mikaela Anders had 11 kills, two aces and two blocks.

Senior Kristen Salyer made eight kills and 10 digs.

Freshman Eleanor Anne Lafoon and Kayla Dougherty each had five kills and senior Britney Lawson made 19 digs.

Senior Ruth Hoover had 10 digs during the match.

Cavs remain hopeful, despite seventh loss

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The UVa-Wise men's basketball team was handed their seventh straight loss of the season by Union College, 71-51, Wednesday and now stand with a record of 0-7.

Free throws, team chemistry and missing key shots cost the Cavs the game.

Sophomore Adam Hood, who scored nine points in the loss, summed up the team's feeling on the defeat with four words, "I'm tired of losing."

Free throws were a problem for the team and caused the score to remain low throughout the game.

Sophomore Travis Willis said the team needs to practice more on free throws. Senior Travis Brannon agreed.

"Our free throws are off," Brannon said.

Willis and Brannon also agreed that the team needs time to learn to work together on the court.

"We don't have the chemistry we need right now," Willis said.

Brannon said that the team is a young group and that there are "a lot of new guys playing big roles."

"It's gonna take us a while to get used to each other," he said.

Despite the the seventh consecutive loss by the Cavs, the team is more than optimistic.

Hood said they can definitely come back this season if they start shooting the ball well.

"If we start making shots, we can turn [the season] around."

Brannon said that unlike other teams, the Cavs are struggling when it comes to scoring and that the team needs to work on making baskets.

The Cavs made only 29.8 percent of their shots over the course of the game.

"We haven't knocked down shots," Brannon said.

However, he said that it is going to be a long season and that it is too early for the team and the fans to lose hope.

"We'll keep fighting," he said.

Willis said he also has faith in the team and its ability to turn the season around.

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View from the Skybox Return of the Cheap Seats

After six long months of being in the real world, facing financial obligations and entering the corporate life, I must say it's good to be back in the editor's chair.

It's not so bad to be back in Wise either.

Ok I'll admit it—

I'VE MISSED THIS PLACE!

I've missed the witty remarks from my professors, I've missed my friends and let's not forget all the Cavs athletic action I have been missing out on.

It seems that nothing has changed for the Cavs who continue to give their all on the field and court.

The Cavs football team wrapped up an impressive 8-3 season against Faulkner University last week, thanks to the NAIA's leading passer Rocky Hipstead!

The Lady Cavs volleyball team paved the way for what should be a very exciting 2009 season as their outstanding freshman class can add another year under their belt.

Keep your eyes on freshmen Eleanor Anne Lafoon and Mikaela Anders, as these two will be the cornerstones of the team's future.

Although nearly half of the team's players are freshmen, the Lady Cavs were able to establish themselves as a force to be reckoned with after going undefeated against archrivals Virginia Intermont and Tennessee Wesleyan.

The Cavs basketball team was yet another UVa-Wise squad that lost veteran leadership this season with the departure of Jared Soles.

However, the team has looked to freshman Josh Jordan to take the shots and he has yet to disappoint, averaging 11.4 points per game.

The Lady Cavs basketball team hasn't let key injuries stop them from pulling off some pretty big upsets so far this season.

Wednesday's 77-76 victory over top-ranked Union was undoubtedly the biggest win of the season thanks in part to freshman Amber Carter.

Fans should be happy to see promising teams both now and in the not-so-distant future sporting the red and black.

Many fans like myself will not be able to cheer for the home team like we wish.

So grab your thundersticks, paint your faces and yell like there is no tomorrow.

Because before you know it, tomorrow becomes today.

Go Cavs!

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Photos by Jessica Price

Above: Senior Eric Swords takes the ball down the court during the Nov. 19 Union game. The Cavs lost the game, 71-55.

Left: Junior Pance Kecev takes a shot during the Cavs game against Union. The loss was the seventh straight for the Cavs.

Lady Cavs basketball team breaks losing streak with win over Union

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The Lady Cavs basketball team ended its five-game losing streak with a 77-76 conference win over first-ranked Union College on Wednesday.

The game was a huge victory for the Lady Cavs who were ranked last in pre-season predictions.

Sophomore Alexa Orr said this was a "big game," because it was the first home conference game.

"We were the underdog, so to upset the first place team was a big deal," Orr said.

The win was all the more impressive because two key players were out with injuries.

Sophomores Meghan Rutherford and Adrienne Womack are both out due to injuries that occurred during the first two games of the season.

Coach Rachel Clay-Keohane said that the Lady Cavs aren't perfect, but they will continue to work hard to improve.

"It's not always the most polished team that wins," Clay-Keohane said. "It's the one that can make the baskets."

Preseason predictions were based on the inexperience of the Lady Cavs young team, but freshmen members are proving they can hold their own in the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

Freshman Amber Carter played an excellent game both offensively and defensively against Union.

Carter posted 21 points throughout the night, made eight out of her 12 free throws, four assists, four steals and two rebounds.

Carter was fouled with only 3.5 seconds left and given three free throws, all of which she made.

"The rest of the conference didn't know about our younger talent," Clay-Keohane said.

Sophomore Brittany Maxwell added 23 points and freshman Kristin Mullins scored 16 points.

The next test for the Lady Cavs will come tomorrow when they face second-ranked Milligan College on the road.



Photo by Jessica Price

Freshman Amber Carter pushes past a Union player at the Nov. 19 game. The Lady Cavs won the game, 77-76.