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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.

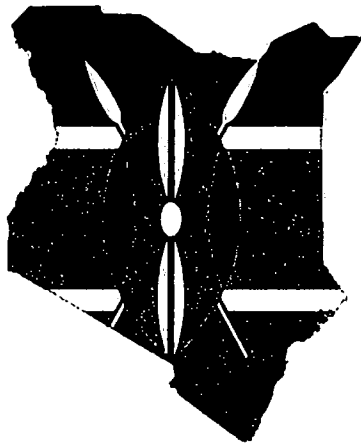
"They have so little, yet they are so happy and rich in everything else...I quickly realized that we have nothing to complain about here. I have nothing to complain about, to speak for myself," Bradshaw said.

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 Slemg Center, Potter beat out nine other contestants in two rounds of performances.

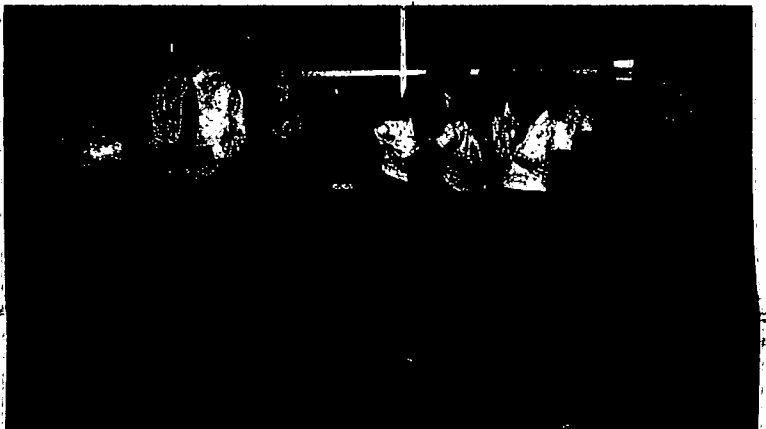
His winning act was a rap titled "The Interview."

"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

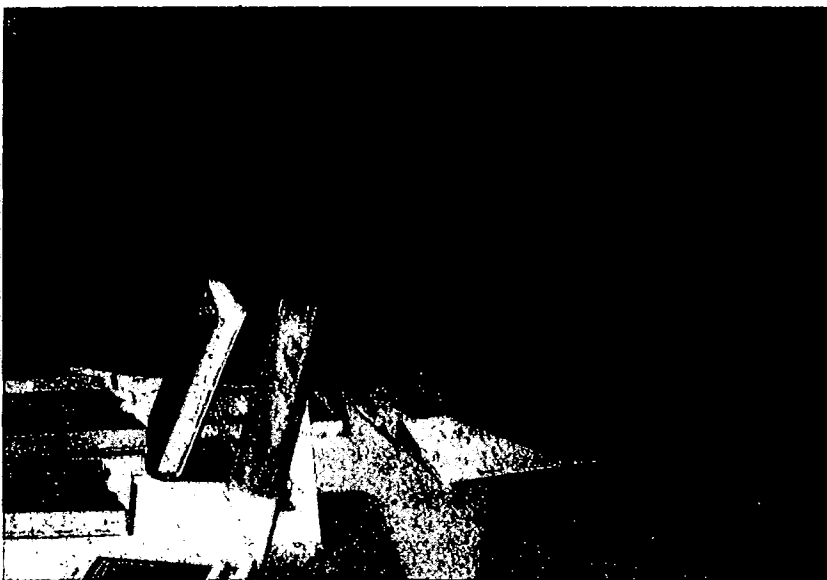


Photo by Daniel Robinson

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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INSIDE



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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International Programs hosts Study Abroad Fair

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The UVA-Wise Office of International Programs held the second annual Study Abroad Fair as part of International Week Monday in the Chapel of All Faiths.

The fair included information on all of the study abroad opportunities currently offered, as well as financial aid information and a raffle.

Representatives from travel and educational companies were also on hand.

"Study abroad is for everybody," said Dan O'Brien, regional director of GlobalLinks Abroad, one of the country's primary study abroad companies.

"Anyone from accounting majors to zoology majors can earn credit for their degree," he said. "And there are plenty of financial aid options that make studying abroad financially viable."

A number of students were also in attendance to learn about the study abroad opportunities.

"The fair is really cool and a really good experience," said freshman Marina Vanderport. "It helps show a lot of diversity."

International Week concludes today. Any students interested in learning more about the study abroad opportunities can contact Wiltold Wolny at internationalprograms@uvawise.edu or stop by the Office of International Programs in Darden 105.



Photo by Allie Robinson

Sophomore Tim Golden talks with senior Meron Belachew while entering the raffle for a free plane ticket to one of 50 countries during the Study Abroad Fair on Monday.

A capella choir to make final performance of semester

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The UVA-Wise music program's new Madrigal Choir, an a cappella group that performs Renaissance music, will hold its final performance of this semester on Dec. 4.

The choir will perform at the conclusion of the Holiday Festival of the Arts concert that will feature all of UVA-Wise's instrumental and choral ensembles. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Coeburn Middle School.

The Madrigal Choir will perform traditional carols dating back to the Renaissance. Choir members will dress in Renaissance costumes and will continue to sing after the concert during the reception.

The Madrigal Choir was started this semester by Michael Cox, staff instructor of music. Cox directs the choir and Deata Reed accompanies the group on the piano.

"A lot of colleges have a Madrigal Choir and we have wanted to do this for a long time, so we started small this semester," said David Volk, assistant professor of music. "The expectation is for the choir in the future is to have a full Renaissance theme dinner, in full costume."

The choir is currently made up of 12 students. New members are welcome to join.

Auditions are required to join for the Department of Visual and Performing Arts Division of Music. The choir practices on Wednesday afternoons in Music Center I.

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Talent

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Bolling said.

A total of nine students participated in the first round of the competition. Judges picked the five acts that would advance to the second round on Tuesday.

The finalists were freshman Amelia Chafin, Kaitlyn Winters, Potter, The Showoff Girls, Jade Bolling, and Winters performed "Santa Baby" because she wanted to do something "fun for Christmas."

Chafin sang a song she said she just learned before the talent show.

She said it wasn't difficult because all she had to do was sing while her friend played guitar.

The Showoff Girls danced to seven songs and said they learned the routine in less than 24 hours.

Josh Justice, assistant director of Student Activities, said he was happy with the assortment of the acts this year.

"I think that the talent show went great this year," he said. "We had a lot of talented acts both nights and a good variety of different talents."

Judges consisted of Justice, Kathy Elkins, assistant director of career development and Angie Lemke, director of residence life.

Participants a maximum of five minutes to perform their talents.

And, talents ranged from singing, dancing and reciting poetry to playing the guitar.

Justice said he was happy with the amount of student feedback at this year's talent show.

"The Student Activities Board appreciates all the hard work and dedication of the acts and looks forward to hosting the talent show again next Fall," he said.

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She said she thought they enjoyed the way he talked about the Appalachian life.

This year's event featured a first for Coffee Night: art pieces from students in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts were on display on easels around the Chapel. Bolling said the pieces were originally submitted to put into the Jimson Weed.

"A lot of the art students had given us their actual art pieces," she said. "Since we had those we came up with the idea to add them around [the Chapel] so that would add to the already art filled Coffee Night. We have music, poetry and prose so we thought why not bring art into it as well."

Rita Quillen, an instructor of English at Mountain Empire Community College, was the other featured speaker for the night.

Quillen read excerpts from her newest book, "Her Secret Dreams: New and Selected Poems," which won the Appalachian Writer's Association Book of the Year Award for 2008. Quillen was also the featured speaker at the first-ever Coffee Night in 2000.

The first-half of the night was topped off by house band



Photo by Daniel Robinson

Junior Jade Bolling plays original music during Coffee Night on Nov. 13. Bolling also serves as Managing Editor of the Jimson Weed.

"Aaron and Andy," who sang two original songs and a cover of the Goo Goo Dolls' "Name." The band played alongside Bolling during her performance.

The night saw poetry readings from Richard Peake, emeritus professor of English, seniors Craig Rice and Jerry Bailey and Christopher Scalin, an assistant professor of English.

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OPINION

From the Editor's Desk

Where's the Tradition?

Has anyone ever noticed how there are very few traditions on this campus?

I'm not talking about regular events like talent shows or campus movies, or even Jam4Man.

I'm also not talking about history. This college has as much history as any in the state.

Real traditions become things that the college is known for in the outside world. They're things done by the students, for the students without any real influence from the college.

For example, the University of Tennessee has the Vol Walk. Duke has the Cameron Crazies. William & Mary has the triathlon. Virginia Tech has the Corps of Cadets. Students at UVA-Charlottesville streak the lawn.

What do we have?

The occasional snowman?

Some of the staff members and I had a brainstorming session on Wednesday to figure out if our college had any real traditions.

The only one we could come up with was the vandalism of the Thomas Jefferson statue beside Darden Hall. And when I say "vandalism," I mean it in a positive way.

The statue has not been there that long, but it seems students have already made it a yearly task to dress him up in the latest fashions. You can just about count on a Santa hat at Christmas and a wig at Halloween every year. Occasionally he'll even be sporting a fraternity t-shirt.

But that's about it.

We really couldn't come up with anything else. Maybe I am just not in tune with the campus. Maybe I've just forgotten some of the traditions? Maybe I'm an idiot.

No matter the reason, this college really doesn't have one student tradition that it's known for across the county.

Does it?



Photo by Daniel Robinson

The decorating of Thomas Jefferson during Halloween and Christmas is one of the few traditions on this campus. This year's costume was highlighted by the Flavor Flav clock.

From the "Other" Editor's Desk

The Color Purple

I will be the first to admit that I know next to nothing about fashion.

But I find this fascinating: The folks at Pantone, an international group of designers, color psychologists, and people of that ilk, meet twice a year to forecast each season's color years in advance.

And, they predicted two years ago that purple would be the color du jour this fall.

Or didn't you notice? Everything from sweaters to cars to kitchen products is sporting a cheery violet hue this season.

Fall is traditionally a time for subdued quiet colors but this season we are seeing a shift toward cool hues with bright, exciting undertones," said Lea-

trice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, on the company's Web site.

Sure, there are the "shitake" tans and "ochre" ambers and "withered rose" pinks, but this season pretty much is full of "Caribbean sea" blues and "blue iris" purples and "shady glade" greens.

In many ways, this makes sense. Given current events, and the election, there is a lot of indecision and uncertainty, which is reflected in purple's inability to pick a shade and stick to it!

Purple is a combination of blue and red, but degrees of each color vary. For instance, "purple" is used to describe both the lavender of your grandmother's cardigan and the dark tones of McDonald's Grimace and the fuchsia of America's (not so) favorite dinosaur, Barney.

What's the deal, purple?

Historically, purple has been a shade of royalty, because it had to be made from crushed mollusk shells. This process took a lot of time and manpower, and therefore money.

It is ironic that the rich color of pur-

ple should be in vogue this season when the economy is suffering so terribly.

Purple is the color of expectation and holiness, the color of the Christian season of Advent.

What does this imply for modern-day Americans? Is this a positive sign? Are these peppy tones an indication of hope in the months and years to come?

Are they a mark of our attitudes—that although our financial plan has gone somewhere in a hand basket, we can still be optimistic?

Like I said, I know nothing about fashion. I don't know how wide a belt should be, nor how comfy Ug(ly) boots are.

I am not a color psychologist or a graphic artist.

But I am an American consumer, and I find it amazing how one little color can make itself so prominent in our shopping malls and car dealerships and furniture stores.

Purple. Means more than you thought it did, doesn't it?

The Economy: Is it really that bad?

I'll admit that I'm a bit worried about our current economical state.

However, instead of entirely focusing on the bad this week, I'd like to glean something good from our pessimistic economic affairs. Then I have an important question for you.

This year, the dying economy has inspired men and women all over the nation in one distinct area: shopping.

Due to the lack of shoppers frequenting stores this year, the stores are taking drastic measures to get customers to buy anything.

Prices are being slashed to almost nothing, and the time has come where you can now save more than you spend.

Some stores are facing bankruptcy due to the lack of shoppers, and with stores closing, savings are starting. Owners of big corporations are willing to do anything to keep their doors open.

For once in a shopper's life, we don't have to wait until Black Friday to get the most amazing savings of the year.

While shopping at Goody's this past weekend, I spent approximately \$100. However, I saved around \$150. I also bought Christmas presents for two people in my family. While it may sound horrible, I was very glad with the extreme price

cuts.

But, this leads me to another point about the failing economy and stores slashing prices: If stores can sell a top, or a pair of pants, for only \$10.99 one week when it was originally priced at \$49.99, can't they sell it for the all year round price all the time?

Now, like I said, I know the economy is falling into a massive black hole and stores are trying to claw their way out. However, is this showing us how much we've been getting ripped off during all of our other shopping escapades?

I know that manufacturer's prices must be raised to provide things like employee salaries, but have they been increasing them too much right under our noses?

Have we been paying outrageous amounts for items that aren't worth their expensive price tags?

Are retail stores following in the path of grocery store chains and oil empires, and price gouging when prices have already returned to their original levels?

I don't have the answer to these questions, but I think they're worthy of being asked. Do you have the answers?

So, don't miss out on the shopping that's going on right now, because waiting until Black Friday doesn't have to be your only option this year for a successful day of cheap prices.

However, when the economy rights itself and prices are jacked up once more, be leery of retail prices.

You may end up paying \$49.99 for a shirt that I bought for \$10.99 two weeks ago on sale.

The Voters Have Spoken

There seems to be a lot of controversy regarding the approval of Proposition 8, a ballot measure in California defining marriage as between a man and a woman.

Opinions are flowing from both sides of the debate.

Pro-traditional marriage folks are hailing the vote as a measure for morality in an increasingly amoral society.

Opponents of the measure are decrying the precedent it sets for the future of the gay rights movement.

What you believe about same-sex marriage is irrelevant in this case.

The popular opinion amongst opponents of Proposition 8 is that this is another case of gays being "repressed" by intolerant right-wingers.

The fact of the matter is, the people of California have spoken.

Proposition 8 was not voted in by Republicans, or a conspiratorial group of right-wingers. It was voted on and approved by the people—the bread and butter of a democratic society.

The people decided that they wanted marriage in the state of California to be between one man and one woman.

Conservatives like me have been able to accept Sen. Barack Obama's victory, and our ideological opposition must do the same with Proposition 8.

Failure to do so would have chilling effects. The decision of the people is paramount and must be respected.

The Constitution of the United States gives the states the right to set rules related to marriage.

For anyone to impose their own will upon the states against the will of the majority would mean the imposition of a tyranny. It is the very antithesis of the liberty people claim to be defending when they call for gay rights entitled by the constitutions.

The people have spoken in the case of Proposition 8.

Let them be.

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Associated Collegiate Press

Quick Hits

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.