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Lawson opens coffee shop in Wise

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Students looking for an early morning boost or a late night cup of joe might find themselves wandering over to Steelwater Coffee Bar, which will be open in Wise just in time for exam week.

The shop fills the void left when the Poor

Farm Cafe closed last year, in the Shoppes on Main Plaza on Main St. in Wise.

Brett Lawson, the college's director of dining services, and his wife Sarah are both opening the coffee bar.

The coffee bar will host a "Preview Day" tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The shop will serve hand-steamed hot chocolate and hot apple cider.

"Young people in the area need some-

where to hang out," said Lawson in an e-mail. "I know what it is like to grow up in Wise where there is nothing to do."

Lawson said he and his wife always wanted to open up a coffee shop in the area, and that this seemed a good time to do so.

"We are focusing more on the college students by staying open later at night and on weekends," he said.

"[This] will be a great place to enjoy

a specialty coffee drink, surf the net, study with friends, play games and just hang out," he said.

The shop will have free WiFi and cable TV.

Lawson said the shop is looking to hire workers, and get college students involved.

"I am also looking for artwork to go in

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Cheerleaders to compete at nationals

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The UVA-Wise cheerleading squad will compete in the preliminary rounds of the 2009 Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) College Cheerleading and Dance National Championship held Jan. 16-18 at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, FL.

If the 19-member team advances through the preliminary and semifinal rounds, they will compete in the national finals on Jan. 18, said head cheerleading and dance team coach Chelsea Lawson.

"I look for us to at least get to the finals," Lawson said. "This is the first time in school history [that the team has competed in nationals] and we are all just really excited."



Lawson

To compete at the championship, colleges and universities must attend a UCA camp or send in a submission video to receive a "bid" or invitation.

Lawson said the college's squad attends a cheerleading gym once-a-week in Church Hill, Tenn. to improve members' skills. During a training session there, someone suggested that she send in a submission tape to the UCA.

And, she did.

"When we sent in our bid tape, we didn't have that high of expectations," Lawson said. "We just wanted to see if we even had a shot and then when we announced in practice [that the team received an invitation] everyone was really excited."

Now that they've been invited, Lawson said the team will have to raise \$7,000 to cover the costs to compete in Orlando. She said the team plans to raise the money with fundraisers and both corporate and family donations. The Office of Student Affairs and SGA will also help with funding, Lawson said.

Lawson said the team has been practicing hard for the competition—especially in the area of stunt stabil-

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Christmas Cheer Bookstore hosts open house



Photo by David D. Price

Students, faculty and staff enjoy cookies, vegetables, sandwiches and other snack foods during Wednesday's annual open house at the college bookstore. Most items in the store were 25 percent off, and there were special sales on select items. The bookstore served food from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Attendees took this opportunity to get started on their Christmas shopping.

SAB to host late night breakfast

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The Student Activities Board (SAB) will coordinate the Late Night Breakfast on Monday in the Cantrell Hall Dining Room from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Late Night Breakfast is a semester tradition hosted by the Office of Student Activities and Chartwells.

Chartwells dining provides the food and faculty and staff members serve students.

Residential students, as well as commuters, are invited to participate in this finals week breakfast.

"The Late Night Breakfast is an event that I fondly remember when I was a student here at the college," said Josh Justice, assistant director of student activities. "It is a great opportunity to relax during exam week and it is a lot of fun to interact with the faculty and staff that are there."

The Late Night Breakfast has been a tradition at the college for years and acts as a stress reliever for students before exams.

"The Late Night Breakfast has been a college tradition for as long as I can remember," said Brett Lawson, director of dining services. "It is a great stress buster for the students during exam week and an oppor-

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December convocation to be held today

From Staff Reports

The college's December graduates will be recognized today in a ceremony in the Fred B. Greear Gymnasium at 1 p.m.

Seventy students will participate in the ceremony.

The chairman of the University of Virginia's Board of Visitors, Thomas F. Farrell II, will serve as keynote speaker for the event. Farrell is also the president and CEO for Dominion.

Others expected to speak include Rhonda Perkins, president of the UVA-Wise Alumni Association; Rachel Tighe, chair of the Faculty Senate; and Travis Brannon, SGA president.

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Asbleigh Roenker and Rachel Thompson have signed on to play with the Lady Oavs softball team starting in Fall 2009.

Roenker joins the Lady Cavs from Virginia Beach, where she was a pitcher for KempsvilleHighSchool.

She posted a 1.93 ERA last year with 13 walks.

She was voted MVP her junior year.

Thompson, who comes from Pbwel Valley High, has played catcher, pitcher, second and third baseman and outfielder.

For the past two years, she has posted better than a 300 batting average.

Head coach Tim Raby-Oentiy said both women will be assets to the team.

Hippeard voted Mid-Atlantic Ewt Othnsre Player of the Year

Senior Randy Hippeard finished his last year at UVa-Wise by being named the Mid-South Conference East Division Offensive Player of the Year.

Hippeard led the NAIA in passing yards (3,637), passing yards per game (330.6), passing touchdowns (38) and total offense (9,900).

He also leads every UVa-Wise career passer in school and ranks second all-time in the NAIA for career touchdown passes with 111.

Killough places in top third of all runners at NAIA Cross Country Nationals

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Brittany Killough finished the cross country season by placing 94th in the NAIA National Championships held in Kenosha, Wis. on Nov. 22.

Killough finished with a time of 18:57.7 and placed in the top third of the 327 runners who competed.

"I was definitely excited to finish in the top third among the nation's most elite runners," Killough said.

Killough said her drive during the race was her desire to represent the UVa-Wise team and college to the best of her ability.

Despite just finishing his season, Killough is looking forward to spring track and the cross country season next fall.

"Just as any other sport, we end and another kick starts," she said. "It's now time to start training for spring track."

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The Cav's men's basketball team lost to top ranked Bluefield College 84-71 Wednesday-suffering their eighth straight loss of the season.

Head coach Lee Clary said that while the men lost, the effort was tremendous and that the team is getting better and better.

Junior Pance Kecevalso said that the team is improving.

"We're making progress game to game and everyone gave 110 percent," he said.

Clary said that along with Keceval's key players in the Bluefield game included sophomore Adam Hood and Robert Amis, freshman Josh Jordan and senior Travis Brannon.

Keceval connected on five three-pointers and ended the night with 19 points.

Hood was statistically the best of the night, making 7 of 10 from the court, including four triples, for a total of 22 points. At the beginning of the game, Hood gave the Cavs a quick lead with back-to-back three pointers.

The Cavs were shorthanded during the game, with sophomore Kevin Peiry injured.

Clark attributed the loss mainly to the lack of men

"We're shorthanded right now," he said. "We need more numbers."

Despite the lack of players available, Clark said he is confident that once the team is up to a full squad, the team will improve.

"Once we get to a full squad, we'll be good [tomorrow]," he said.

The Cavs next play at Montreat tomorrow. Clark said that if the team puts forth another "tremendous effort," they will put themselves in the position to win.

For now, Keceval said he is not giving up hope.

"I believe in this team," he said.

Photo by Jessica Price

Above: Sophomore Adam Hood attempts a layup during the Dec. 3 game against Bluefield College. The Cavs lost the game 84-71. Hood led the Cavs with 22 points.

Left: Senior Eric Swords pushes past a Bluefield player during the Dec. 3 game. The loss was the eighth for the Cavs, bringing their record to 0-5.

Wednesday night as I sat in the newspaper office, contemplating what my column was going to be about this week, one topic came to me in the form of a fellow student.

He came into the office and asked me to write an article about a new set of rules that have just been implemented for our fans to follow when watching college games.

In case you haven't been down by the gym to see them, the new

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rules are as follows; 1) Cheer loudly and proudly for your team, not against the visitor; 2) No profanity, vulgarity, racist or sexist remarks; 3) No personal remarks towards players, coaches or officials; 4) Show that you know the game; 5) Stay away from the playing area and team benches and 6) Zero tolerance for alcohol or drug use at all contests.

At the end of the sign, there is a mention of the rules are the AAC Spectator Code of Conduct.

While I agree with many of the rules, I think some of them are odd and impossible to enforce.

Let's start with number one. While I agree that visiting teams shouldn't be treated harshly, a big part of watching sports is yelling at the opposing teams.

That is sports—getting riled up. Number two, I completely agree with. Under no circumstances should profanity, racist or sexist remarks be yelled during games.

I feel the same way about number three. I do about number four. While it is inevitable to be humiliated or yelled at, it happens.

Referees get yelled at all the time, and I doubt that a sign hanging on the door to the gym will do anything.

Number four is the main one I have an issue with.

What does it mean to "show that you know the game?" How does one go about doing that? It is inevitable, and I venture to say that not a lot of people know how to either.

So, while these rules are a great idea, and they seem to be attempting to make everyone better spectators, my guess is that they will have no effect on how the audience acts at games.

Sports fans are sports fans, and any attempt to change them will be futile, and basically not worth the effort.

Lady Cavs basketball team earns third win of season over Bluefield

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The Lady Cavs basketball team took home its third victory of the season on Wednesday Dec. 3 over Bluefield College, bringing the team's record to 3-7.

The team rallied back during the second period to defeat the Lady Rams, 71-66.

"It was a hard fought game," head coach Rachel Clay-Keohane said. "Bluefield is a tough intensity team."

The Lady Cavs struggled with rebounding the ball at the start of the game, but by the beginning of the second half it began to pick up.

"We can rebound in spurts, but we need to work on dominating the whole game," Clay-Keohane said.

Freshman Amber Carter made all three of her final free throws to lock up the win. Fellow freshman Lauren Jerwe provided the Lady Cavs with 12

rebounds.

Another young member that played well was freshman Kristin Mullins. She posted 18 points for the night.

Junior Brittney Maxwell continued her strong shooting performance with 16 points overall.

The win came after two straight losses on the road to Milligan College and Eastern Mennonite University.

"With young players [road losses] are normal," Clay Keohane said. They have to learn how to play on the road."

Despite just having three wins on the season, the Lady Cavs are not giving up hope for a successful year.

"We're very, very young," assistant coach Doug Carter said. "So we're just riding the roller coaster of ups and downs right now."

The Lady Cavs will have a chance to prove their skills on the road when they face Montreat College tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.

Photo by Jessica Price
Senior Amber Carter made all three of her final free throws to lock up a Bluefield player during the Dec. 3 game. The Lady Cavs won the game 71-66.