Students, faculty tune in for Obama's inauguration

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It may have been the most-watched event, in American history, as people across the nation caught up in person or glued themselves to their televisions and computer screens. More than a million people gathered in D.C. Over 33.4 million tuned in via broadcast, according to adage.com. CNN.com reported 21 million streams over a duration of nine hours, and it has been estimated that seven million people were streaming video simultaneously during the inauguration. "Viewing parties were held in bars, libraries and schools nationwide," wrote senior Zantara Ilanison in a Facebook message. "It's something to tell my children about when they are reading about it in the history books."

Students who didn't watch the event on the big screen tuned into their own televisions or streamed footage online. Several expressed their support of Obama.

"I saw the inauguration as being historic," wrote senior Madison Brown in a Facebook message. "I'm doing something to tell my children about when they are reading about it in the history books."

Students, staff and faculty members gather to watch the presidential inauguration on Tuesday. The day's events were projected onto the big screen as even passers-by could catch a glimpse of the action. Here, Obama delivers his inaugural address.

"We had people watching the days events all day, even after the actual ceremony," wrote Josh Justice, assistant director for student activities, in an e-mail. "The inauguration represents how great our nation is. It also demonstrates an 'I am' attitude. It's a tradition that brings all Americans together, and is truly a testament to our founder's work. I think the Presidential Inaugural Committee did a great job in planning and carrying out the day's festivities."

College installs new security cameras in Zehmer and Darden hallways

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Campus police installed cameras in the hallways of Darden and Zehmer Hall over the winter break as a way to improve campus security.

"Cameras weren't just put up to monitor students," said Trevor McCoy, campus police chief and director of public safety. "This past year we've had another instance where purses were stolen and the people were apprehended."

The cameras are small but they are noticeable. Campus police can use them to see exactly everything in the halls of Darden and Zehmer from the janitor to the mainstay to faculty. In total, 29 cameras were installed in Zehmer and 42 cameras were installed in Darden Hall.

"They're just hallways," McCoy said. "It's a state building; it's a public building, so you still have your freedom. It's not like we're trying to conceal them."

Those in favor of the cameras believe that this is a much-needed step in the right direction for campus security.

"My department and our administration think the cameras will help improve campus security," said Captain John Short. "We have always been concerned with security, but this will allow us to better protect people in the hallways."

However, she said she was not sure if the cameras would have helped in the instance that McCoy had the wrong office.

Campus police installed the cameras during winter break to enhance campus security.

"I wouldn't say that they've done a whole lot one way or another," said junior Mary Chandler, a resident in Darden. "I think it will be interesting to see how effective they will be, and if they will make a difference."

"I wonder if that's the best thing they've done in a while," said junior Mary Clauser of the installation. "I'm just as safe as the next person." said senior Bethany Dyce. "I think the cameras will help improve campus security, but I'm not sure if they will make a difference."

"Weeds can't explain what we felt," she said. "I knew that when we got off the plane in Orlando a lot of us were pinching ourselves."

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Candlelight march marks King day

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Despite history's wounds and repeated promises, students, faculty and staff gathered Monday night at the 13th annual Sherrills Forks Alzheimer's Candlelight March. The event, which is held annually in downtown Kingsport, was an opportunity for attendees to honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease and raise awareness about the disease.

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Girls & Sports

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Some students glad to be back on campus

By Kara Jones
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ociety-to-popular belief, most students on campus are happy to be back for the new semester.

Typically, one would expect coming back after a month-long break to be something that most students welcome. Yet, this year was different. The COVID-19 pandemic forced many college campuses to cancel or delay their fall semester. Therefore, many students are more than happy to return.

For some, this semester marks the start of a new beginning. They are excited to finally be back on campus and reunited with their classmates.

For others, this semester brings a sense of normalcy. They are grateful to be back on campus and continue their academic journey.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, many students are looking forward to a successful and enjoyable semester.
Cavs remain confident in spite of tough losses

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Despite winning the first home game of the new season, the Highland Cavaliers men's basketball team continued with its troubles Jan. 21 with a 67-64 loss against Bryan College.

Sophomore Adam Hood was the driving force behind the Cavs, scoring 25 points and hitting six of his nine three-point attempts.

Sophomore Kevin Perry was the second highest scorer of the game with 11 points and eight rebounds.

The Cavs record now stands at 3-15. Junior Travis Brannon said the team was glad to get the win at Wise, scoring 20 points, making 10 rebounds and blocking two shots.

The win over Alice Lloyd on Jan. 12 was the second match-up for the two teams this season. Going into the second half, the Cavs were down 36-34, but the team rallied and took the lead for good.

Junior Travis Brannon said that the team was glad to get the win at Wise.

"We've got really good chemistry. We've got some serious athletes. We've got Willis back, who is one of the main driving forces."

Sophomore Travis Willis, who rejoined the Cavs over break, made seven of his nine from the charity stripe while fellow sophomore Fields hit three free throws, and both made one of their two three-point attempts.

Willis also led the Cavs in points scored, with 22.

Hermen said that the team was glad to have Willis back, who is one of the main driving forces.

Over winter break, the Cavs' women's team went on a recruiting trip to Covenant College, Montgomery College, King College, Virginia Intermont and Bryan College.

The Cavs have lost to all five teams in previous games.

Located in the South Atlantic Conference and in the third of the season for the Cavs.

Right: Senior Bryan Sexton attempts to dunk a basket during the Jan. 17 home game against Covenant College. The Cavs won the game 98-73.

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Left: Sophomore Travis Willis attempts a basket during the Jan. 17 home game against Covenant College. The Cavs won the game 98-73.

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The Lady Cavs softball team adds another pitcher to the 2009 roster.

Junior Kayla Dougherty was presented with the most improved player award, senior Kristin Salyer was presented with the most valuable player award and Leeza Dos Santos was named "Best Batter.

Softball field team add another Freshman pitcher to Fall 2009 roster.

The Lady Cavs signed a catcher and first baseman from Virginia Beach's Tallwood High School.

Kayla Cash hit .315 with 17 RBIs for the Tallwood Lady Blacks this season.

She also hit .326 for Tallwood with 10 runs, five doubles, a triple and two home runs while leading the team with six walks and the second highest stats of the season.