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An art exhibit in the Gilliam Center for the Arts closes today after the artist's talk. See how you can view the gallery on page 2.



Two college academic programs received accreditation. Find out which ones got the nod on page 2.



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Upcoming

Free books at Alumni Hall

Thousands of books are available for students and community members free of charge at Alumni Hall.

SVEA Funtasia

The annual children's Funtasia event will be held tomorrow from noon to 4 p.m. in the Gilliam Sculpture Garden.

Last day to receive refund

Today is the last day to receive a refund for withdrawing from classes.

Weather

Friday		86°F / 63°F
Saturday		76°F / 68°F
Sunday		68°F / 68°F

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Dining hour change questioned

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The college's dining options have changed hours this year in a move that is, depending on whom you ask, either not meeting the needs of students or

justified in order to maintain a profit.

Here's what is certain: The dining facilities located in Slemp Student Center — what are now known as Mondo's Subs and Coyote Jack's — close two hours earlier on weekdays this year than last, and they're

not open on weekends.

Papa Joe's, now located in the bottom of the Smith Dining Commons, is open until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and has new hours Sunday — two changes from last year's schedule.

But some students say the

dining options aren't open late enough.

"Everyone would prefer if they could stay open longer," said John Stephenson, a freshman criminal justice major.

College officials, for their part, say keeping the facilities see Dining, page 7



Photos by Jordan Fifer

Freshman Bill Reeves, 52, listens to James Vance, assistant professor of mathematics, explain a homework problem in calculus on a recent Wednesday. Reeves started college at Uva-Wise this semester after dropping out of J.J. Kelly High School in eighth grade.

Freshman at 52

Back to school after 37 years

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It's difficult to miss Bill Reeves, with his shaggy hair, long grayish-brown beard and blue "Rick Boucher" baseball cap. At 52, he's more than 30 years older than most of his freshman peers. He's what colleges call a "non-traditional student."

"Oh, I don't mind people saying I'm old. I think it's flattering," he says. "These volleyball players, basketball players; some of them weren't even born when my mother died."

What further separates Reeves from many incoming students, his professors say, is his drive. His work ethic. His curiosity about the way things work.

"He's got a good ability," says Michael Potter, an instructor of mathematics. "But more than anything, he's the ideal of what a liberal arts student should be. He wants to learn for learning's sake."

'A resentment from authority'

Those qualities would make any freshman a professor's dream. But Reeves is not the typical freshman. He dropped out of J. J. Kelly High School in the eighth grade, only to later get his GED in 1978.

It was "a resentment from authority" as a teenager that prompted Reeves to drop out of school. That changed as he aged.

"I grew up, plain and simple. I grew up," he says. "Like some young people, I had an attitude problem."



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Annual contest will start Thursday

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Homecoming: philanthropy, boat construction, dance moves and, of course, football.

Beginning Sept. 30, the Student Government and Alumni associations will sponsor the third annual Silver Saber competition. The contest, started in 2007, has quickly become a Uva-Wise tradition.

SGA treasurer Luke Rasnick, the group's homecoming chair, said the events prior to next Saturday's football game are important.

"I would encourage all students to participate in the homecoming events," Rasnick said. "All events are important because each play a significant role in campus morale."

The events begin at 4:30 p.m. Thursday on the Lawn by the Lake and include the "Sink or Swim" Crazy Boat Contest, the "Tame the Golden Bears of West Virginia Tech" banner contest, the homecoming picnic, the "Fear the Cheer" contest and the "Cavalier Shuffle" dance contest.

Silver Saber events are open to all campus organizations which will participate in a series of contests to show school spirit. The overall winner will get a spot on the Silver Saber plaque, \$300 and the title of most spirited organization on campus. The second place group will get \$250, and third place will receive \$75.

The "Sink or Swim" contest challenges organizations to "build a campus lake-worthy vessel," that

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Sergeant retires after 10 years on campus

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Randy Wyatt said he plans to spend this afternoon riding his Honda Goldwing motorcycle and reflecting.

After working at the college for more than 10 years, the campus police sergeant is retiring today.

"It's been tough," he said of his decision to retire. "I'm upsetting a lot of people I didn't know was gonna miss me so bad."

Wyatt said he has been contemplating taking his early retirement for a few months, and decided that now was the right time to do so.

"I gained more satisfaction working here than anywhere else," he said. "The interaction with the

students has [been the best part. I took in several [students] over the last few years and have been 'uncle' to many."

Wyatt has been in law enforcement since 1985 and put in 12 years working for the Wise County Sheriff's Department as a deputy sheriff and an investigator. He took a break to work with a trucking company, and has worked at the college since 2000.

"I'm really going to miss it," he said. "I'm going to miss the students and my fellow employees and the nature of the job."

"I'm not leaving with no ill feelings and I don't think I've made any enemies, but I've made some friends."

He said one of the things he is see Wyatt, page 7



Photo by Jordan Fifer

Sgt. Randy Wyatt retires from the college today after working for 10 years at the school.

Gallery exhibit will close today

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A visual and performing arts faculty member's on-campus exhibit, displaying her original artwork, will wrap up today.

The exhibit, titled "... into this honeyed presence strewn," is currently on display in Gallery 121 of the Gilliam Center for the Arts, and is the original work of art instructor Heather Harvey.

The exhibit is composed of shapes that jut out of the wall and up from the floor.

Harvey said they are playful and elegant but also grotesque and potentially threatening.

"I wanted to have something unexpected because walls are usually flat," she said. "There are no framed pictures. It is meant to be startling; unfamiliar things are surprising."

The exhibition's title is a combination of Seamus Hen-

ry's poem "Good Night" and a phrase from Shakespeare's "Richard II," Harvey said.

She used the mash-up "to create new meanings" that suggest entering into a space that is lovely — honeyed — but chaotic — strewn.

"It's about engaging in the world in a particular way," Harvey said. "The work is like an open-ended gentle poetic statement."

She said the actual process of making the pieces is just as important to her as the finished product.

"It's a way of being inside one's own head and meditating on things that fascinate me," she said. "My inspiration centers on ideas around mortality, the sadness that we are all mortal."

Visitors can view the exhibit as one piece with the parts in dialogue with one another, Harvey said.

"Making something impractical, physical and philosophical is my way of engaging with the world," she said.



Artist Heather Harvey discusses her 3D exhibit in the gallery in the Gilliam Center for the Arts.

Photo by Jordan Begley

"I think of them in relation to each other. They are like people."

Harvey described her exhibit as a contradiction to the "rationality and function" represented by the college's arts building.

"The exhibit is a space that is different and less comprehensible from what is just outside it," she said.

Harvey said she hopes to show visitors a different side of art.

"There's more to an art education than just making things," she said.

"We need to be reminded of the mysterious aspects of life."

The exhibit opened Aug. 20 and will end today with an artist talk from Harvey at 1 p.m. in the bandroom, followed by a closing reception at 4 p.m.



Photo by Allie Robinson

Copies of Robert Harris' "Imperium" are among the nearly 2,000 books at Alumni Hall still available to students, faculty, staff and community members for free.

Alumni Hall still has 2,000 free books

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Senior computer science major Brandon Hines said he appreciates the donations.

"I think it's a really good thing for them to be handing out free books to the public," Hines said. "Absolutely anyone can take as many as they want and that is so cool."

At least one student wasn't sure what was being given away. Sophomore business administration major Doni Pyzdrowski said she was confused about what type of books would be available.

"I thought that they were all going to be religious books because it was a Christian group that gave them to the school," she said.

The Alumni Association will be giving away the donated books until they are all gone, Stewart said.

Titles include "Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet," "King Dork," "Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Book Four," "Eldred" and "Imperium."

"If we still have books at the end of the month, we're going to be giving them out at the Fall Fling," she said.

Alumni Hall is located across Darden Drive opposite the main campus.

Two programs are accredited

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The college's software engineering program is now the only ABET-accredited program in its category in the state, he said.

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Accredited programs are so highly regarded among professionals that a degree from a non-accredited program is virtually worthless to those trying to enter one of the many fields of engineering, Somervell said.

Talking immigration

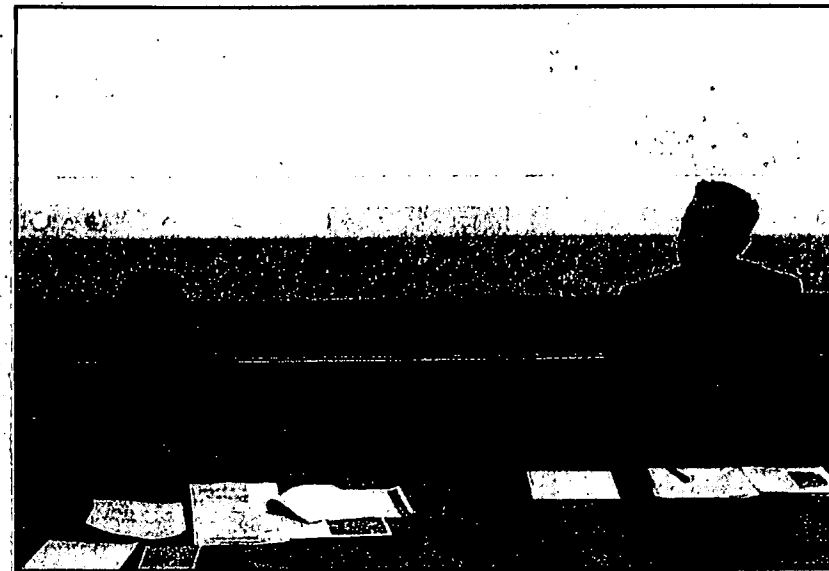


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Eric Drummond Smith, assistant professor of political science (left), and Raoul Godinez-Ramos, Fulbright Scholar in Residence, discuss immigration issues at a debate Wednesday evening in the Science Center Lecture Hall. The debate, sponsored by the National Political Science Honor Society (NPSHS), drew a crowd of about 40 people.

Benefit run, walk part of homecoming activities

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There is a new homecoming tradition starting this year which will raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The Red and Gray 5K and 1-Mile Fun Walk was SGA president Stephanie Lawson's idea.

"Students had mentioned ... before that it would be great to have an event like that, so I wanted to do it," she said. "I also thought that this would be a great way to get alumni and community members on campus. There are so many new buildings and additions that everyone should see the growth of the college and how great the campus is."

Registration begins at 7 a.m. Oct. 2 at Greer Gymnasium.

To register, print off the registration form from the SGA website. The \$10 registration fee benefits the UVA-Wise Relay for Life team Cavs for a Cure. High school teams can register for \$5.

"The importance of the race is to just get everyone involved in homecoming," Lawson said. "So many people can participate in either the 5K or the one-mile walk and it can showcase campus. So many people are affected by cancer, and this is a way that UVA-Wise and the community can give back."

The walk begins at 8 a.m. Oct. 2.

Constitution is still valid, says professor

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Despite the fears of the country's Founding Fathers, the Constitution they developed still remains the supreme law of the land.

That's the word from Eric Smith, assistant professor of political science. He gave a lecture focusing on the fears of the Founding Fathers and how those concerns shaped the Constitution, during his Sept. 16 Constitution Day lecture in the Science Lecture Hall.

"Our political system is as much as anything else a product of our Founding Fathers' unique distrust of not only humanity in general, but of each other in particular," Smith said in his lecture, titled "Doctor Smith, or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Constitution."

Smith told the audience that the Founders were concerned about factions. They feared what a professional army loyal to the Constitution would do with the "peculiar institution" of slavery. He said the Founders feared that factions would develop into a tyrannical government.

"Factions are groups within a society who, for whatever reason, chose to pursue their interests at the expense of the interests of society in general and the rights of all society members," Smith said. "Should they acquire exclusive power over the state, they will use the apparatus of the state to pursue their interests, and inevitably the result will be tyrannical government."

The Founding Fathers dealt with



Smith

factions by splitting powers between the branches of government and implementing various forms of governments rolled into one supreme law of the land, Smith said. The executive branch was modeled after the monarchy, the judicial branch was shaped into an aristocratic form of government and the legislative branch took on the democratic form of government, he said.

The Founders feared standing armies, Smith said, a worry that resulted in the concept that only Congress can end wars and have final control of military spending.

Smith said the country's Founding Fathers were not as perfect as the romantic Disney-esque image most Americans have of them. George Washington, he said, was prone to bouts of fury, Thomas Jefferson defamed his friends to suit his political purposes, and Benjamin Franklin was a womanizer.

"My hope is that people forgo the myths of the Founding Fathers and focus on their real personalities, and realize that they were successful," Smith said after the lecture.

James Tiffany, a junior double-majoring in political science and history, said that more of his fellow students should read the Constitution since it is the supreme law of the land.

"It is a moral obligation for all citizens to learn about the document," Tiffany said.

UVa-Wise has lowest crime rate in Virginia

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Students and staff at UVA-Wise reported the lowest number of crimes in 2009 of any four-year college in Virginia, according to data compiled by the FBI.

There was one reported property crime and one reported larceny or theft last year, according to the 2009 FBI Uniform Crime Reports.

Though smaller than most colleges, UVA-Wise boasts a lower crime rate than even Ferrum College or Emory & Henry College, which both have fewer enrolled students than Wise.

"We're blessed," said UVA-Wise Chief of Police Steve McCoy. "And I think a lot of it ... is the quality of the students."

McCoy said he credits his officers, too, who share his passion for community policing. He said the numbers could be misleading, though.

"What comes out is deceiving," he said. "Not all crimes are reported to the FBI."

The FBI's statistics focus on more serious crimes, or what are known as index offenses. These include murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, property crime, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson.

But even taking into account less serious crimes like underage possession of alcohol, disorderly conduct and trespassing, UVA-Wise still comes in far below other Virginia colleges. In 2009, three people were arrested for drunkenness and one person was arrested for driving under the influence at the college.

The FBI numbers represent only crimes known by or reported to campus police, but McCoy said he doesn't believe crimes are going under reported on campus.

"We're a community," he said. "You gotta give credit to the students."



McCoy

Study Abroad Forum
Sept. 27 1 p.m.
Chapel of All Faiths

THE HIGHLAND CAVALIER Correction
In the Sept. 3 edition of The Highland Cavalier, in the "Where does your money go?" box on page 2, we reported that the Baptist Student Union receives \$82.04 from each student's annual student fees. The money actually goes to the student center for operations and programming. We regret the error.

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Daniel Surratt (left), a sophomore criminal justice major and vice president of the new Cavalier Airsoft Club, briefs interested students on the group's constitution during the club's interest meeting Wednesday night. The group displayed several airsoft guns for students to see.

Airsoft, debate groups among new clubs

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Six new student groups are set to join the already more than 50 clubs and organizations on campus this semester.

Four organizations, including the Cavalier Airsoft Club, the Greenhouse Club, the Socratic Society and the Ultimate Frisbee Club, have already been recognized by SGA and have begun meeting. Two others, a wrestling club and a Dungeons and Dragons club, are waiting on approval from the college. In addition, the first interest meeting of a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender group was held Wednesday night.

"Everyone should give this sport a try," said Seth Powers, a sophomore computer engineering major and president of the Cavalier Airsoft Club. "They won't regret it, I guarantee it."

Airsoft originated in Japan as a way to train soldiers, so the campus organization will work hand-in-hand with the college's ROTC program. The club meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in the John Cook Wylie Library.

Another new club, The Socratic Society, is the first official debate society on campus.

The first few sessions have helped students learn how to properly debate, and the group's leaders hope to eventually organize an on-campus debate.

"Learning the process of debate is vital to anyone in any major," said club president Laura Rogers, a sophomore sociology major. "It teaches so many skills that can be applied to papers, presentations [and] classroom discussions."

The Socratic Society does not yet have a set meeting time.

The last of the new clubs to start on campus is the Ultimate Frisbee Club, which meets at the intramural football field every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

"I've been playing since I was a freshman in high school," said Eric Craighead, the freshman who started the campus club. "I know how it feels to play on a higher level and I just always loved the sport, so I wanted to bring it with me to UVA-Wise."

The new clubs bring the total number of organizations on campus up to 65.

"I am really excited to see that many new clubs come on at the beginning of the semester and to see what happens the rest of the year," said Josh Justice, assistant director of student activities and Greek life.

Back to school at 52

Reeves, continued from page 1



Photo by Jordan Fifer

Reeves applied to UVA-Wise in 1996, he says, but was rejected in part because of his low math scores on the GED.

At the encouragement of friends in the community and college officials, Reeves decided to take two math classes this past summer.

As he does odd jobs for neighbors around Wise, Reeves will often wonder how some machine works or why some building was constructed a certain way.

"I was interested in physics, and I learned you have to take math to take physics," he says.

Right out of the gate, he got a 110 on the first test in his summer precalculus class. Many students struggled to get a 90, says Potter, Reeves' professor.

"When I was in grade school, I didn't know you could make over a 100," Reeves says. "But the professor said he gave me credit and some bonus points for a few of them that I got and no one else did."

Potter phrased it a bit more succinctly. "His first test, he knocked my socks off," Potter says.

Reeves went on to take a second precalculus course over the summer with a scholarship from NASA. Coming back to school for a full degree was the next step, but with income of less than \$2,000 a year, Reeves didn't have the money to pay.

Bill Wendle, the college's director of financial aid, helped Reeves secure federal and state grants that would completely pay for the more than \$7,000 in tuition and fees for his freshman year.

'A positive influence'

Reeves is now enrolled as a full-time student. He walks to and from school every day, sometimes making the hour-long round trip journey from his Hurricane Road home of 50 years just for one class.

Reeves inherited his home from his parents when his mother died in 1991. He shares a 19-acre plot of land with his two brothers, including John Reeves, the college's director of the physical plant.

A lifelong resident of the county, Reeves is active in the Wise County Democratic Party. He can often be seen walking about town, mowing people's lawns or doing other odd jobs.

Other students in his classes don't make a big deal of Reeves' age, he says.

"No one look down at me or anything like that," he says. "Actually I had one person, when I told them I was 52 years old and a freshman in college, they said it was pretty cool."

This semester, Reeves is taking calculus, political science, and remedial English. His language skills may need some work, but his ability in math sometimes rivals his professors.

"He does [homework] problems I didn't even assign," Potter says. "I would have to stop sometimes and figure out how to do the problems myself."

Reeves has organized study groups with his fellow math students. He stops by to ask questions of his professors.

"He's a positive influence on the class," Potter says. "There were three or four students in the class that would not have done as well had Bill not been there."

Potter has since recommended Reeves become a math tutor, a position not typically given to freshman.

He doesn't participate in any extracurriculars ("I'd rather spend my time studying than something like that," he says), but Reeves has been a frequent supporter of college athletics since before he enrolled. The volleyball team even presented him with a signed T-shirt last year.

'Ankle deep'

Potter thinks Reeves' motivation goes beyond just physics and math.

"We don't require ability. We just require desire," he says. "To some degree, Bill still has those curious qualities many of us left behind in childhood."

And, true to form, when Reeves found out a recent calculus test would be postponed, he was disappointed.

"The teacher said the test would be put off," Reeves says. "I'd rather just take it on time."

The college experience so far has been challenging but fulfilling, he says.

"If you think of college as being an ocean, I'm about ankle deep now," Reeves says. "So far, the water's pretty inviting."

English has been challenging, Reeves says, "but I think I can get through it."

He hopes to graduate by 2014 with the rest of his freshman peers, but he says he'll cross that bridge when he comes to it. For now, he's focused on his current classes.

"Tomorrow we're supposed to do a paragraph about a place we'd most like to go," he said in an early September interview. "Mine is right here."

Symposium to focus on tech impact on organizations

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The third annual UVA-Wise Technology Symposium, which will feature nine sessions on how technology affects organizations, will be held Oct. 7 in the Slemp Student Center.

Sponsored by the UVA-Wise Office of Information Technology, the symposium will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the fifth floor of the student center.

Topics to be addressed at the sessions include computer security for executives, computer backup and recovery operations, ways to identify financial and identity theft and best practices with technology, said UVA-Wise chief information officer Keith Fowlkes.

"Expect a day of learning about the uses of technology and how it relates to bottom line education," he said.

Past symposiums have been centered on more spe-

cific topics, Fowlkes said.

"This year's symposium will have a much broader focus on technology and how it affects the larger organizational system of finances, data privacy, purchasing and new technology adoption," he said.

Fowlkes said that students who are not technically-savvy, but who would like to learn more about how technology affects their communities, should register to attend.

"If you come to the symposium, we'll help you answer any questions that you might have," he said.

There will be a question and answer session in the Dogwood Room of the Slemp Student Center from 2 to 3:30 p.m. with area business representatives and professors, Fowlkes said.

The symposium is free for students and faculty.

Those who wish to register, visit www.uvawise.edu/oit/atropenreg or call (276) 376-4578.

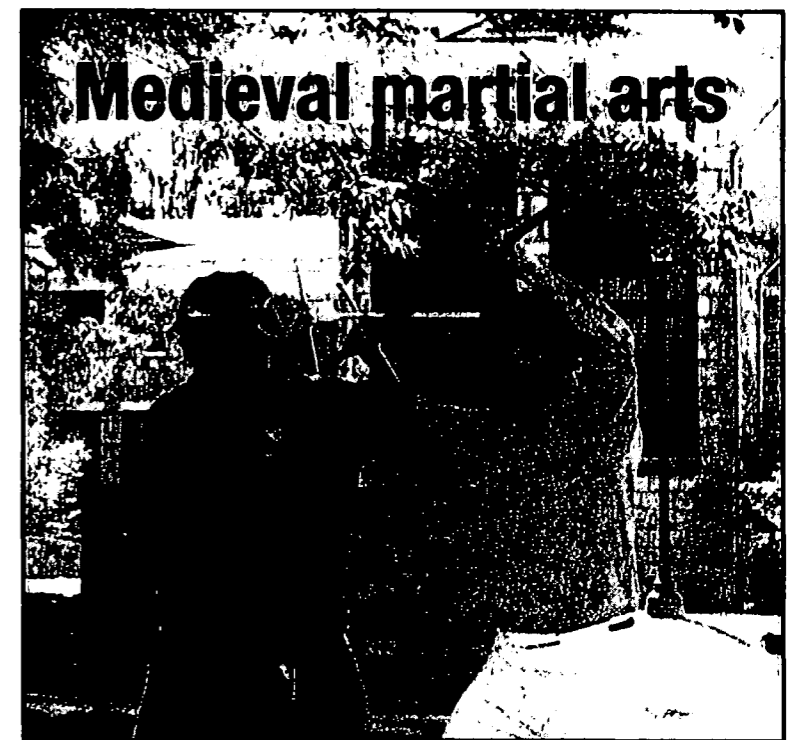


Photo by Allie Robinson

Will Adamson (right) and his student John Shannon (left) demonstrate HEMA, historical European martial arts, during the 24th annual Medieval-Renaissance Conference, held at the college last week.

The demonstration was part of a discussion on medieval martial arts and included broadsword, dagger and shield usage. The type of swordplay Adamson and Shannon demonstrated was used during battle from about 1300 to 1650.

The Medieval-Renaissance Conference featured scholarly papers and panel discussions on literature, language, history, philosophy, science and the arts. The conference was started at the college in 1988, and between 30 and 50 students typically present papers or lead discussions during the three-day event.

Study abroad options more than just college-led trips

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In addition to studying abroad with college faculty on short-term trips, UVA-Wise students can study abroad on their own in more than 50 countries.

Dr. Witold Wolny, field director of international programs, said students have a variety of options to choose from.

In addition to the college's five sister institutions, UVA-Wise has a student-for-student exchange program with various institutions and there are study abroad providers who organize programs for U.S. colleges in a network setup.

International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) is a popular choice because of the program's low costs. According to the program's website, the ISEP process involves students paying UVA-Wise tuition, room and board and a meal plan. The program has an application fee of \$345, but host school fees can

differ from place to place.

In all, the program has 320 universities involved from 50 countries. If there are multiple countries that a student would like to visit, there is a Semester at Sea program.

"Students' first choice is usually England," Wolny said, because the instruction is taught in English and because there are many competitive universities in England.

However, if a student is looking to travel to a destination where multiple languages are spoken, they will still be able to find related coursework taught in English, Wolny said.

The International Programs office offers financial help, Wolny said, meaning no one should feel unable to study abroad.

For more information about studying abroad, visit uvawise.edu/international or attend the Study Abroad Forum Sept. 27 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths. The forum will include experiences from other students that have studied abroad.

Campus Bulletin

Upcoming:

Music by the Lake: Lost Memorandum will perform all-original rock music on the Lawn by the Lake tonight from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The show is free.

Comedian: Jay Black will perform on Sept. 27 at 9 p.m. in the Cantrell Banquet Hall.

SAB Smoothies: Pick up a free smoothie on your way through the Jefferson Lounge on Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. until supplies run out.

SAB Film Series: "Toy Story 3" will show on the fifth floor of the Slemp Student Center on Oct. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m.

Wise Fall Fling: Students can participate in a photography contest, essay contest and a talent show at the Wise County Famous Fall Fling Oct. 9-10. The talent show will be held on Oct. 7. For more information about the photography contest, contact a member of the UVA-Wise Art Guild. For more information about the Fall Fling, log on to wisefallfling.com.

Weekly:

The Wise Environmental Club: The environmental club meets on Mondays at 1 p.m. in the Henson classroom. Contact Jennifer Fulton at jnfa@uvawise.edu or Spencer Adams at sta9a@uvawise.edu for more information.

Wesley Fellowship: Wesley Fellowship serves free homestyle dinners Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation by Alumni Hall.

SAB: Student Activities Board meetings are held Wednesdays at 5 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Slemp Student Center. Contact Josh Justice for more information.

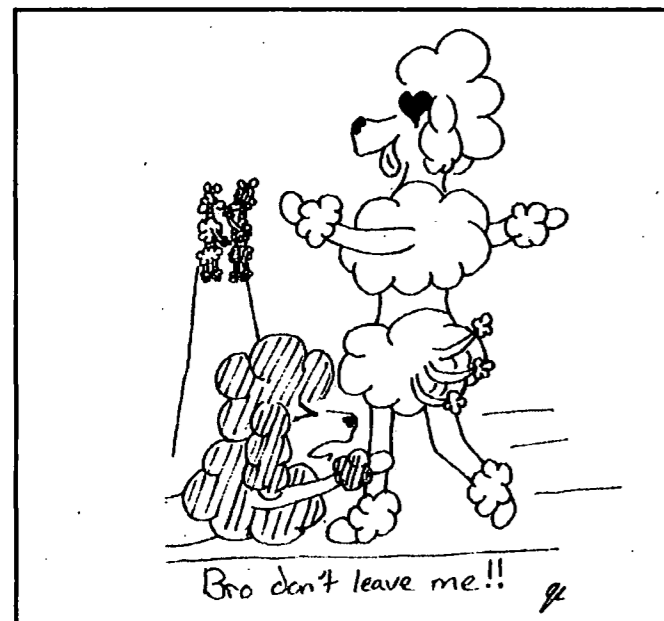
BCM: Baptist Collegiate Ministries serves free meals on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. at the BCM.

Tupos: Tupos services are held Wednesdays at 9 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

The Highland Cavalier: The student newspaper holds weekly meetings on Fridays at 1 p.m. in the third floor Honor Court room in the Slemp Student Center.

SGA: The Student Government Association meets weekly on Fridays at 1 p.m. in the fifth floor Rhododendron Room in the Slemp Student Center.

POODLZ IN COLLEGE



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Getting inked



Photo by Allie Robinson

Junior history major Keasha Perrigan gets a feather tattoo on her foot during the free airbrush tattoo event hosted by SAB on Wednesday. About 100 students turned out for the event and could choose tattoos ranging from tribal symbols to animals to popular rock bands.

There is something to do in Wise

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"There's nothing to do in Wise."
I think this statement is one we've heard many fellow students say at one time or other. Some students complain that there is nothing to do to escape "boredom" here at the college and in Wise County in general. As a result, they allow themselves to become depressed and eventually grow to dislike the college.

It is understandable that students who are used to bigger, noisier areas would find it hard to adjust to life in Wise, but while you're here, you should try to make the best of what you have.

Why sit back and allow yourself to become depressed? If we do that, it could eventually start to reflect in our grades.

Instead of sitting back and complaining, wouldn't it be easier to get up and do something?

A couple friends of mine decided to become involved with the Student Activities Board this semester. We were having a conversation the other day, and

one of them mentioned the new slogan which states "Show Up or Shut Up."

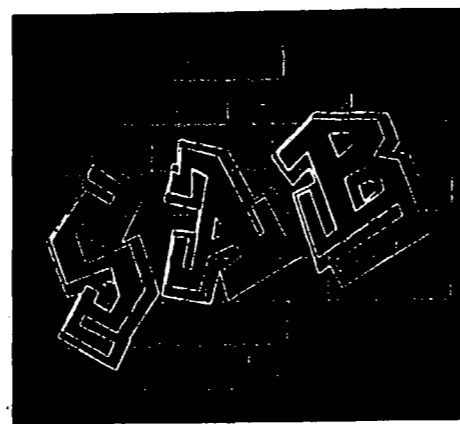
I cannot think of a more appropriate slogan. SAB sponsors events on campus every single week such as concerts, games, movies and comedians. I try to make an effort to attend these events whenever I'm able to because it gives me something to do and I spend less time being bored.

Some of these events are well attended while others only bring out a handful of people.

I commend SAB for the initiative they take to make campus life more enjoyable for students who take advantage of it.

If you are bored, do something about it. Join a club or organization so that you can feel you are a part of something. If you don't like the clubs or organizations on campus and have a better idea, pursue that idea and form a club that you think would make a difference on campus. You can also become involved in off-campus organizations like Habitat for Humanity or volunteer at a local organization or school.

While it is fun to escape to Johnson City, Bristol or Kingsport on the weekends, that might not be possible for everyone and I doubt it is something some-



one could do each and every weekend.

Therefore, if you're on campus, try to make the best of it. Look on your student calendar; chances are there's something happening on campus you didn't know about.

You're only here for four years; you should enjoy them.

We don't need the homecoming court

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Homecoming week has always been a big deal for schools. Students and teachers slack off more than usual because of the week's activities and importance.

Why is homecoming week so important?

The game scheduled for that week is usually meant to be an easy win for the team, so that doesn't make it more significant. It gets more publicity than almost any other game, but that doesn't mean more people care about it.

The importance has little to do with the game; it has everything to do with the homecoming court.

The homecoming court is voted on by fellow students and is presented during halftime. Every person on the court gets dressed up in their finest, has their name announced, walks to applause and whatever music the school found fitting for the occasion, and smiles and waves at the crowd.

You might think this is a wonderful event to have, but I hope you'll see my point soon enough.

What does a fancy dress and

tuxedo have to do with any sporting event?

Further, what does voting for someone to prance around in one accomplish?

People go to football, basketball, baseball and every other game decked out in school colors and logos all the time, but I have never seen a group that attended a game in tuxes to cheer on their local team.

So why do we need a Homecoming court?

I understand homecoming week gets a few more people to attend games and support their team, but that's where it should stop. The voting is entirely unnecessary under the circumstance.

Homecoming week should be just that: a week where former alumni are honored and invited to attend a special game and see friends and family they might normally not.

Homecoming brings up the thought of going where you were born and raised, not a lot of frivolous voting and preening.

Homecoming week shouldn't be about a voting for who gets to dress up, it should be about the school, the athletic team and former alumni who have returned to see their school again.

America: land of religious freedom, not persecution

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I am confused as to why there is a debate about building a mosque in New York City near Ground Zero.

I am baffled at the amount of controversy it has caused and the amount of media attention it has received.

I could have sworn we were living in the 21st century and people were free to worship where they desired. I also thought that Islamic religious leaders didn't recognize the people who carried out the attacks of Sept. 11 on the World Trade Center as real Muslims. If I remember correctly, it was a group of extreme radicals that attacked the Trade Center, and they had little to do with the Muslim faith.

Saying that these violent extremists represent the Muslim religion is much like saying the Westboro Baptist Church — a hate group that protests at soldiers' funerals claiming the fallen soldiers "deserved to die" — or the Ku Klux Klan, or even Jim Jones — a "pastor" who led a mass suicide — represent the Christian faith.

How can we pick and choose what religion can worship where? I seem to remember that America has a constitution, and I recall the First Amendment stating: "Congress shall make no law

respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

With that being said, even if the people and government voted against this mosque in New York City, how could they prohibit it?

People who are against the building of a certain religious group's place of worship are going directly against the spirit of our whole Constitution. When our forefathers sat down to build our political system and establish our core values, religious freedom was a top priority. More than two centuries later, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison would be rolling over in their graves as we sit and argue about whether or not a group of people are allowed to build a place of worship because people committed a horrible tragedy.

If we stop this mosque from being built, what does that say about the direction we are headed as a country? Are we going to let racism and stereotyping take over like it did in World War II with the Asian internment camps or the Red Scare when we were accusing people of being Communists left and right?

We must not generalize the entire Muslim community as terrorists when they aren't.

We need to stick to our core American values and see the light in this.

Students, athletes should wear the colors

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What is up with the total lack of school spirit anymore? Aren't Fridays Red and Gray day? Is it really possible that no one owns red and gray clothing? Not even the student athletes?

I know that it is far too expensive to have matching outfits for the athletes or risk harming their school uniforms by wearing them to class, and that this is not a high school. But simply wearing school colors is not that difficult.

Often when I mention sporting events, students are not aware that games are going on in spite of our marketing attempts. It may be time to get back to grass-roots marketing.

In order to get the faculty, staff and students more involved in campus life, we

need to start by having the athletes for each sport, cheer squad and band wear school colors prior to football games and prior to or on the day of basketball games. The baseball, softball, volleyball, tennis, cross country and golf team members should wear the school colors on the days of their events as well.

There are no stronger bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood on a campus than those that unite the members of an athletic team. Their "selection process," "initiations," "rites/rituals" and "service activities" are much more intensive than any of the Greek organizations on campus, yet they only acknowledge those bonds by wearing the attire or symbols of their brother/sisterhood to formal events.

We all need to start pulling together again the way people say things were done

in the past. I am also disappointed by how many of my colleagues and students do not seem to take enough pride in our institution to simply wear red and gray on Fridays during football season. It seems that only bookstore employees know of this tradition and encourage it by offering at least 10 percent off purchases to anyone wearing red and gray on Fridays before games. We have let too many of the small symbols that unite us slip away.

I am currently giving extra credit to any student wearing red or gray or something with the school logo on it on Fridays. I have even threatened to take points away from them on the Friday before homecoming if they are not wearing red and gray. I know this is extreme, but nothing is going to change in the atmosphere on campus if we do not start

doing something to encourage a sense of unity and pride in this institution and in the students' new alma mater. Besides: Everyone looks good in red and grey. No one looks good in orange, whether it is burnt and paired with maroon, neon and paired with



white or dark and paired with blue. None of us seem to have a problem wearing those colors.

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Football team seeking first victory

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The Highland Cavalier football team will travel to Barbourville, Ky. tomorrow to play its first conference game of the season against the Union College Bulldogs.

The Cavs' defense will need to slow down the Bulldog's rushing of-

fense to win the game, which might be a problem. Although the Cavs have played excellent pass defense, surrendering just one touchdown, the team has allowed 773 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns.

Despite rushing for 542 yards, the Cavs have only managed to score one rushing touchdown all season.

Senior running back Stewart Robertson leads the Cavs in rushing with

32 rushes for 198 yards and their sole touchdown.

Sophomore running backs KJ Ford and Andre Dickerson have rushed 24 times for 108 yards and 11 times for 72 yards, respectively.

Sophomore quarterbacks Nick Leftwich and Hunter Hoke are 36-for-91 for 440 yards and three touchdowns.

Unfortunately, the duo has also

thrown five interceptions this season. The Cavs are 0-4 on the season, but the team still has a chance to win the conference.

Campbellsville University and Kentucky Christian University are the only teams to play a conference game this season.

With a win, the Cavs would be in a tie for first place in the Mid-South Conference Eastern Division.

Games of the Week

#22 West Virginia @ #15 LSU

This game will determine if the Mountaineers can win the Big East Championship. LSU's offense has a lot to prove after stumbling late in the game against an undermanned North Carolina team on opening day. Junior quarterback Jordan Jefferson was supposed to step up this season and command an efficient offensive attack. However, Jefferson has only two touchdowns and two interceptions. So far, the Tigers have relied on a power running game. Junior running back Stevan Ridley and sophomore running back Russell Shepard have 446 rushing yards and four touchdowns. West Virginia is the early favorite to

#12 South Carolina @ #17 Auburn

In his four years at South Carolina, head coach Steve Spurrier has threatened to dominate the SEC, only to have his team fall apart at the end of the season. Many thought that this season was in the hands of junior quarterback Stephen Garcia. He is completing 68.3 percent of his passes with 508 yards. He also has only four touchdowns (two passing) and two interceptions. However, this year, the team is being literally carried by true freshman running back Marcus Lattimore's 70 carries, 333 yards and five touchdowns. The freshman gives Spurrier's infamous offense a new wrinkle: a powerful running game. Lattimore has been the team's one-man offense in their first three

games. Auburn has its own one-man offense in former Florida Gators back-up quarterback Cam Newton. Newton leads the Tigers in rushing and passing, totaling 834 yards from scrimmage and nine touchdowns. Despite his impressive performance, the Tigers have not looked impressive. In fact, three of their past four games have been decided by three points or less. The fans at Jordan-Hare Stadium will not be a welcoming sight to the young Gamecocks, but they did survive between the hedges in Athens last week. Night games in the SEC are always unpredictable. The game will air tomorrow night at 7:45 p.m. on ESPN.

Wyatt

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most proud of is the camera system at the college, which, thanks to self-installation by campus police, saved the college about \$40,000.

"There are more than 70 cameras which I installed," he said. "They've paid for themselves in the criminal acts they've caught."

He said he is proud of his nickname on campus — "One-Time."

"I answered a call at the Townhouses...there was a party and I told them one time was all I would be there," he said. "After I left and it got rowdy, people held up their fingers and said, 'one time.'"

He didn't need to go back to the party, and the name stuck.

In his years at Wise, Wyatt has seen five chancellors. He knows the exact number of cars he's unlocked during his more than 20 years as an officer — 1,087. And he's driven the bus for the Gary Juhon Leadership Retreat for the past 10 years.

"I looked forward to that every year," he said. "Without the uniform, [students] see that you're human and can have fun and aren't just a police officer."

Even with all that he says he will miss, Wyatt said he is looking forward to his retired life.

"I'm taking on a part-time job three times a week to keep my sanity," he said.

He will keep playing music with "Papa Joe" Smiddy, work on cars and spend more time gardening. He will continue to serve as the secretary of the Masonic Lodge of Pound, as he has for the past four years, and he will work with the EZ Child Identification Program, which takes biometric fingerprints, video and photos of children for

their parents to have on record.

In addition to performing with Smiddy, Wyatt will continue hosting a country music show, the "Poncho and Lefty Show" with former UVA-Wise Athletic Director Ray Spenilla on Monday nights on WAXM.

He said he and Spenilla average about 40 calls during their three-hour classic country show.

"If you're an old country fan, you'll love it," Wyatt said. "If not, you might just like the horseplay and the cut-up."

Wyatt said he will still be around campus, though.

"I'm still gonna attend the ball games," he said. "My face will not become extinct — I'll be out and about on campus."

Wyatt said the police department at the college now is probably the best it has been in the 10 years he has worked here, both in terms of staff and equipment.

"We've got some things the local police department don't have," he said.

For instance, campus police have VCIN — the Virginia Criminal Information Network — which allows them to run license plate numbers just like a dispatch officer could.

Wyatt said he doesn't know how his position will be filled, but said there are a lot of "good officers out there looking for a spot like this."

"And they'll find it," he said. "I'm just another toothpick in the forest. I'm not trying to sound like no philosopher, but I'm trying to tell everybody I'm gonna miss this place."

Dining

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open proved to be inefficient last year. "It just comes down to profit," said

Brett Lawson, director of dining services and an employee of Chartwells, the company that operates the dining facilities on campus. "We just can't stay open that long."

Lawson said he and college administrators looked at how many stu-

dents were eating at the different locations each hour of the day.

By early evening most nights, he said, there were only a handful of students eating in the student center.

"The former Papa Joe's location was just underutilized," said Sim Ewing, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

Homecoming

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shows off their group identification, the homecoming theme, seaworthiness and creativity.

A banner contest with the theme "Tame the Golden Bears of West Virginia Tech" will test groups' creativity at designing a giant poster for the pep rally and homecoming game. Groups entered in the contest will be judged on group identification, homecoming theme, visibility, size and creativity.

For the "Cavalier Shuffle" dance contest, each group will randomly draw two songs from a hat and dance back-to-back to 20 second clips of the songs.

During the "Fear the Cheer" contest, groups will design and choreograph a cheer to fire up the pep rally crowd.

The "Food Drive-ing Me Crazy" contest will award points to the organization that accumulates the most canned food donations by Oct. 1. Groups will be judged on the number of cans collected, and the food will be donated to the Food Bank of Wise County.

SGA President Stephanie Lawson, the chair of the Silver Saber committee, said the canned food contest is a good way to give back to the community.

"I feel like this is an important part of homecoming," Lawson said. "We need to give back to the community, and this is an easy way for us to help a lot of people."

The final Silver Saber event, the Red and Gray 5K/1 Mile Fun Walk, is open to all students, faculty and community members. The walk will begin at the Fred Greear Gym and circle around campus.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. Sat-

urday, and the walk will start at 8 a.m. Registration forms are available at uvawise.edu/sga or in the Office of Student Development in Cantrell Hall. The registration fee is \$10, and all participants will receive a free T-shirt.

The homecoming game against the West Virginia Tech Golden Bears is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The winners of the Silver Saber competition will be announced at the game, as will the homecoming court winners.

The homecoming dance begins at 9:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Norton and is open to all students and alumni.



Shuttles will leave from McCrarry parking lot every 30 minutes, and students will need their CAVS card to board.

Groups and organizations that are interested in entering the Silver Saber contest should e-mail Lawson at sl3n@uvawise.edu.

The deadline for registration is today.

Lawson said she encourages all students to participate and show their Highland Cavalier spirit.

"This is a time when students can come together and it's a time when alumni can come back," Lawson said. "It's just a fun time on campus."

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Cavs lose to Wasps on the road

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The Highland Cavalier football team is still searching for its first victory of the season after falling 20-10 to Ibe Emoivy & Heniy College Wasps on Sept 18 in Emoivy, Va.

The Cavs' defense held the Wasps offense to 278 total yards. The offense managed 349 yards, but the team still could not overcome costly turnovers.

The Cavs struggled early, managing only 182 yards (offense through the first three quarters) before exploding for 167 in the fourth quarter.

The Wasps jumped out to an early 10-0 lead before freshman kicker Paul Melshen connected on a 41-yard field goal at the end of the second quarter.

Emoivy scored 10 more points early in the fourth quarter to extend its lead to 20-3 before the Cavs' comeback attempt.

Twice in the fourth quarter with less than five minutes remaining, the Cavs' offense dove into Wasp territory, only to be turned away, once on an interception in the endzone and the other with a turnover on downs.

Wasps defensive back Daniel Woods earned all-conference honors with his performance in the

Week had two interceptions and five tackles on the day, while senior running back Caleb Jennings scored the game's first touchdown in the second quarter and had 156 out of 278 yards for the Wasps' offense.

The Cavs will play the Union College Bulldogs in Barbourville, Ky. tomorrow at 12 p.m.

Courtesy of Richard Meade

Sophomore quarterback Nick Leftwich (11) scrambled 8 yards from Waap defensive lineman Derrick Patterson (95) and linebacker CJ Hodges (48). Leftwich went 6-for-13 for 101 yards in the game, while Patterson and Hodges had nine combined tackles in the Wasp's 20-10 victory on Sept. 18.

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The UVa. wide receiver Jay Ball learned started conference play with two consecutive victories.

The team picked up its first win on Sept 16, against Pikeville College with match scores of 25^ 15.25-19 and 29-27.

The team was able to scratch out another victory Sept. 21, against West Virginia Institute of Technology with match scores of 26r24. 20^25, 25-13 and 25-13.

Sophomore middle linebacker Anders Milkaela Andersen carried the load for the team in both games.

Andersen finished the match with Pikeville College with 20 kills and 13 digs and had seven kills and 12 digs against West Virginia Tech.

The team had contributions from sophomore setter Alue Sndlh and sophomore libero Brittany Craft; Smith finished the game with 28 assists and Craft finished with 14 digs.

In the Cavs' second conference match against West Virginia Tech, the team was again led by Andersen. She finished with 17 kills and 13 digs.

The team was able to get contributions again from Smith; she finished the game with 27 assists.

Sophomore outside hitter Malina Walker also gave the team a boost off the bench with seven kills and five digs in three sets.

Smith said that it was good to be able to open up conference play with two victories.

"We did not want to start out in the conference down 0^2;" she said. "Fhls is going to give 01 confidence as we continue into conference play."

Head coach Kendall Rainey said she was happy with the team's victory and overall improvement over the past week of conference play.

"We are definitely improving and Lam seeing a lot more consistency," Rainey said. "As long as we continue to improve and become more consistent, I feel good about our chances."

Rainey said the team will face two tough conference opponents in its next week of play.

"We have some tough games ahead this week," Rainey said.

"I think this past week of conference play has given us a lot of confidence, so hopefully it will carry over."

The team will travel to Ohio to face the University of Rio Grande today, and Shawnee State University on Saturday.

The Cavs will host Ooigetown College on Sept. 27.

Stress on coaches affects health

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On Sept. 18, the Michigan State Spartans defeated the Notre Dame Fighting Irish in a thrilling overtime game.

The Spartans ran a fake field goal on the game's final play. If the play had worked, the Spartans would have lost.

The play worked and the Spartans won, but the stress was still too much for head coach Mark Dantonio.

He began complaining of chest pains and was taken to the hospital after the game. He had suffered a heart attack.

Some might not normally think of coaching as a stressful job, but in fact, it is.

Professional coaches are under immense pressure from team owners, athletic directors, players and fans, who all want to win.

If a coach cannot win, they lose their job, even if the losses are not their fault. The pressure is completely on the coach to bring a winning team together.

Earlier in the year, Florida Oatton head coach Urban Meyer abruptly resigned, citing ill health and stress as the cause.

A day later, Meyer said the resignation was only temporary. A few weeks later, he returned to full-time coaching duties.

Oden, the stress of coaching can lead to chronic heart problems, depression and anxiety.

Former Wake Forest head basketball coach Skip Prosser died suddenly in 2007 following a massive heart attack. Prosser was 57 at the time of his death and was in top physical health. However, his stress levels were incredibly high.

Joe Morrison, the former head football coach for the University of South Carolina football team and a former NFL player, was 51 and less than 20 years from his life as a professional athlete when he died from congestive heart failure.

Prosser and Morrison serve as examples of the dangers of chronic stress.

Both were very healthy, but due to the intensity of being a head coach, had their lives cut short.

Unfortunately, it sometimes takes a tragedy to put the state of sports in perspective.

Photo by Jordan Filer