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Graduation applications for students who want to graduate in May are due Monday. Read more on page 3.



The Cavs have yet to win a game — will they beat West Virginia Tech tomorrow? Read about the game on page 8.

Upcoming

Technology Symposium

This year's technology symposium will be held Oct. 7 on the fifth floor of the Slomp Student Center starting at 8 a.m.

Red and Gray 5K

The first SGA Red and Gray 5K run and walk begins at 8 a.m. tomorrow. Registration starts at 7 a.m. at Greer Gymnasium.

Residence Halls Close

Residence halls will close at 9 a.m. on Oct. 9 for fall break, and will reopen at 9 a.m. Oct. 17.

Weather

Friday



68°F / 44°F

Saturday



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Sunday



66°F / 43°F

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TAKING FLIGHT

Senior earns student pilot certificate

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A senior sociology major is now a certified student pilot.

Chuck Gent, 20, began flying two years ago and earned his certification last month. The student license allows Gent to fly with an instructor — and eventually solo — as he works toward a full pilot's license.

"It was very fun and entertaining," said Gent of learning to pilot a plane. "It was a great experience."

It takes about a year to earn a student pilot certification — which is like a driver's permit — as long as the pilot consistently practices once a week, Gent said.

Gent spent his time training at Lonesome Pine Airport.

"It does not require a lot of studying," Gent said. "I am a fast learner, so I got the hang of it real quick."

It took a while to earn the certification since he had to work around his classes, Gent said. In addition to on-the-ground training, pilots attempting to earn a flying certificate

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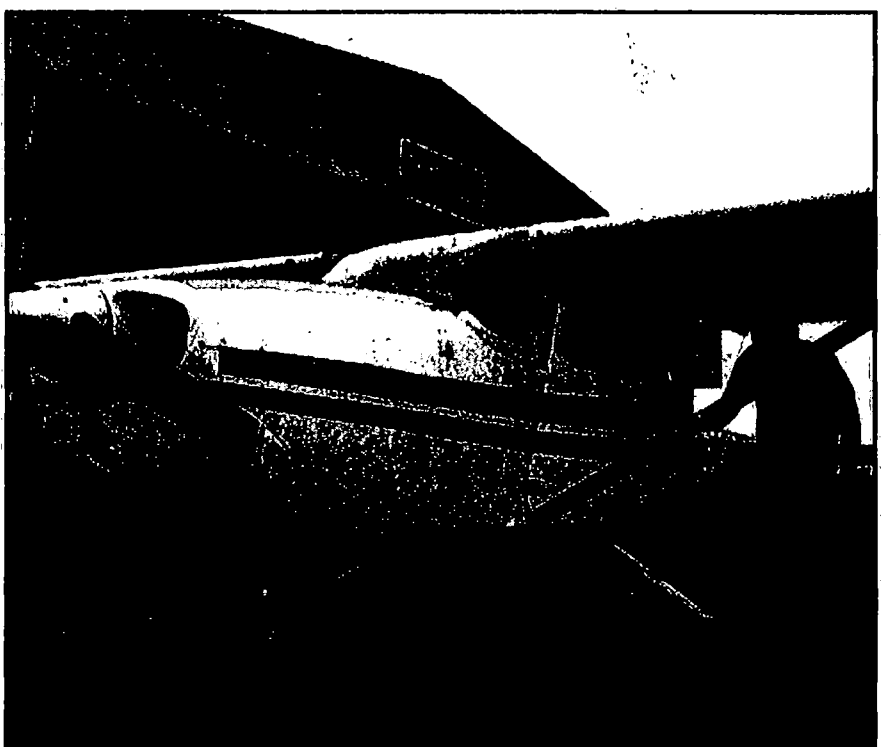


Photo by Jordan Fifer

Chuck Gent, 20, prepares to put the Cessna Skyhawk flies back in the hanger at Lonesome Pine Airport Thursday afternoon. Gent typically flies twice a week with Lonesome Pine Airport manager Bob Spera. He recently earned his student certificate, and hopes to earn his full pilot's license by summer 2011.

Officials look to fill residence life spot

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College officials are searching for a new assistant director of residence life to fill the position vacated by Brian Root, who left in August to take a job at his alma mater, the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

The assistant director's main job is to oversee the college's 32 student resident assistants (RAs) and help supervise the four student resident directors (RDs). The position is also responsible for RA recruitment, training and ongoing programming, and conducting weekly RA staff meetings.

"We're looking for someone who's going to be a great team player," said Angie Lemke, the college's director of residence life, and the po-

sition's immediate supervisor.

A search committee — made up of Lemke, Lelia Bradshaw, director of the Center for Student Development; Narda Porter the college's registrar; Eric Smith, an assistant professor of political science; Katie Dougherty, a student life employee; and Naana Denning, a RD — will review applications and conduct telephone interviews with potential candidates.

The best candidates will then come for an on-campus interview with key college officials, meet the current RDs and attend a round table question-and-answer session with the current RAs.

Lemke said her office has already begun receiving applications after posting the job online Sept. 20. Administrators hope to have a candidate start by January, she said.

Dance theme celebrates student life

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This year's homecoming dance theme, "Highland Cavalier," will let students "celebrate being a UVa-Wise student."

That's the hope of the dance's sponsors, the student government association.

"Dancing and seeing all your friends is what draws students to the homecoming dance," SGA President Stephanie Lawson wrote in an e-mail.

The annual dance is scheduled for tomorrow evening at the Norton

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Fire briefly displaces students

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Holly Gilliam said that when she first got to her apartment on Friday afternoon, she couldn't see it due to the smoke.

The four-unit apartment complex where Gilliam, a senior biology and chemistry major, and several other UVa-Wise students live caught fire just before noon Sept. 24.

According to Wise Fire Department Fire Chief Conley Holbrook, an electrical fire broke out in the apartment building, which is near Darl-Barn on Main Street. He said a ceiling fan in one of the upstairs units caught fire. Fifteen firefighters responded to the 911 call at 11:45 a.m.

No one was hurt, but the see Fire, page 5



Photo by Allie Robinson

One of the second-story apartment units in the apartment complex on Main Street near Darl-Barn was destroyed by an electrical fire Friday afternoon. No one was hurt, and all tenants, except those living in the affected apartment, were able to move back into their homes Friday night.

Students talk about travel opportunities

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The Office of International Programs held its first study abroad forum Monday in the Chapel of All Faiths.

The forum was held part of the college's continuing effort to make study abroad programs available for students financially and academically, said Witold Wolny, the college's director of international programs.

"The programs we offer include semesters abroad, internships and short trips to over 350 destinations around the world," Wolny said.

Upcoming study abroad opportunities include short trips (up to four weeks) to Scotland, India, Italy, Germany and Ecuador, he said.

Wolny's brief presentation on the department and its various programs was followed by presentations from students who had recently participated in one of the programs.

The common theme shared in each presentation was that participation in one of the study abroad programs had proven to be a worthwhile, unforgettable or even life-changing experience.

Junior chemistry major Andrea

Rose joined a group of fellow students on a four-week trip to Spain last May.

The group spent the majority of its time in Seville, but also made numerous visits to mosques, synagogues and cathedrals throughout the country, she said.

Brent Hall, a junior political science and history major, said he made friends from all over the world while spending the past semester in Wroclaw, Poland.

Based on his experience, Hall advised prospective study abroad participants to use Skype or Facebook to communicate with friends and family back home, instead of spending money to make calls on a cell phone.

Senior Spanish major Amod Ghising spent the spring semester studying at the University of Huelva in the southwestern city of Huelva, Spain.

Ghising said he was able to easily adjust and begin studying various Spanish dialects, including Catalan, Basque and Galician, with the help of the university's international office.

Samantha Mumpower, a junior business administration major, told stories of her four-week trip to Germany. She participated in a biotechnology program with Merck & Co.,

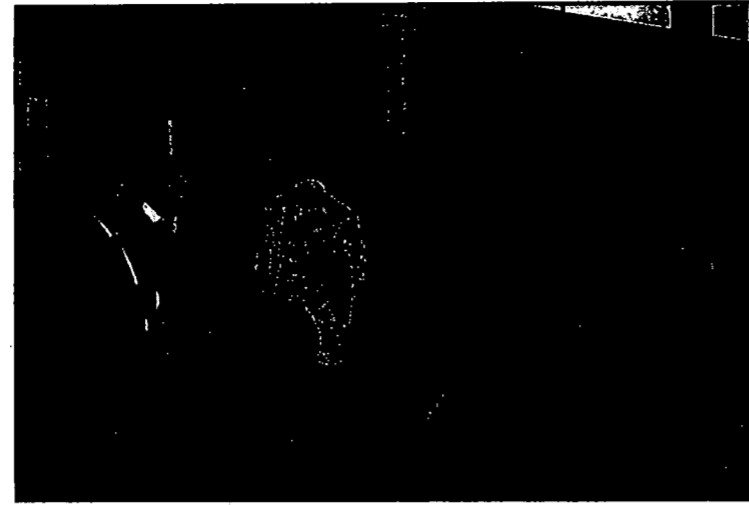


Photo by Lauren Miller

Students and faculty members discuss study abroad options during Monday's study abroad forum. Students told stories about past trips they'd taken, and discussed options for future study abroad trips.

a pharmaceutical company.

Senior biochemistry major Spencer Adams joined a group of students from UVa for a summer study abroad trip to Limpopo, South Africa to study rural medicine.

Adams said he learned a lot about South African culture including typical living conditions, traditional food and their philosophy of sharing known as Ubuntu, which translates as "I am what I

am because of who we all are."

Adams recommended that students plan ahead for international trips by learning about the country's culture ahead of time and making sure to "pack, unpack, and then pack again" before leaving home.

Other presentations included senior history major Alex Boggs' trip to Germany and senior computer science major Benjamin Buchanan's trip to Wales.

Serving up smoothies

SAB members served more than 180 smoothies Wednesday in the Jefferson Lounge, said Sarah Smith, SAB president.

Students were offered flavors including: strawberry-banana, peach and blueberry.

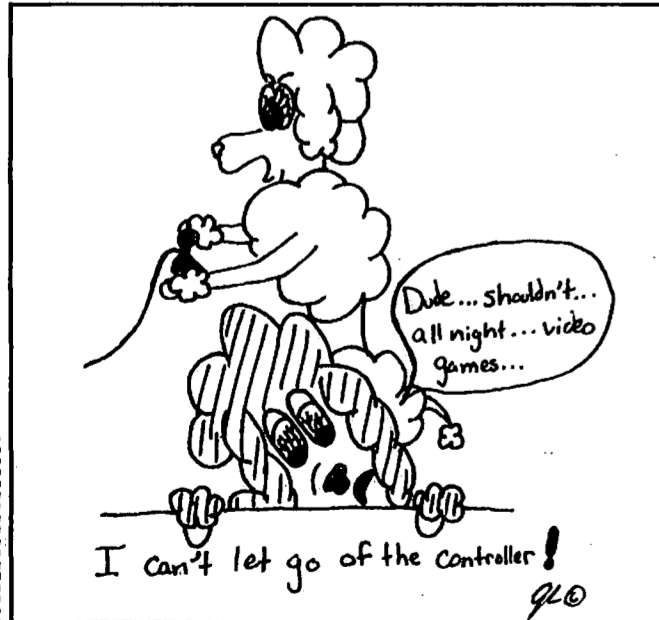
SAB had to stop giving away smoothies early because they ran out of cups, she said.

Left, SAB members Blake Minter, Shaquate Green and Sarah Smith blend smoothies for students Wednesday.

Photo by Katie Vernon



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Cartoonist Joanna Lewis is a senior computer science major.



Art Guild helps with Fall Fling art contest

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Members of the college's Art Guild will help host the Fall Fling Photography Contest next week.

The group's members have posted fliers for the Oct. 9 and 10 event around campus, and they will help set up for the contest at the festival and monitor the event, held in downtown Wise.

Art Guild President Timothy Golden, a senior and art major, said this is the second year the group has been involved with the contest.

"The director of the contest contacted [us]," Golden said. "We immediately responded back offering our full support."

Golden said the Art Guild always looks to help in the community.

"I love being involved in our community and helping others experience the true beauty of art," said Art Guild member Shannon McClendon, a junior foreign studies major. "Being involved with this contest allows Art Guild to get its name out there to the community and gives the college a good reputation."

Golden said the group is excited to see the art submissions and see how many people attend the show this year.

"[Last year] there were a lot of submissions, many visitors and a lot of spirited competition which was fun for everyone to experience," Golden said.

Ray Stratton, assistant professor of art and the Art Guild's faculty adviser, said he agreed.

"Usually this contest gets good ratings and response[s] from the community and the students," Stratton said.

Entry criteria and application material can be obtained from either Golden or Stratton.

"A contestant doesn't even have to have any previous art experience," said Golden. "All you have to do is produce something meaningful to you."

Contest categories include nature, color pictorial, black and white and altered image. Prizes will be awarded in each category.

Category winners will receive \$50, the runner-up will receive \$25, the third place winner will receive \$10 and the fourth place will receive an honorable mention.

The best-in-show winner can be chosen from any category and will receive \$100. A people's choice winner will receive \$30.

Contestant entries will be judged and put on display at The Hodge Lodge #8 in downtown Wise.

Alumni return to celebrate homecoming

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Alumni return to campus today for homecoming and to celebrate their "memories and milestones" since they have graduated.

The "Memories and Milestones" alumni homecoming theme came from a committee that met in March, made up of staff, alumni and key people on campus such as members of SOA, college relations, campus police and a staffer from every department.

"We want to make sure every department is represented so we do it as a round table discussion," said Pam Col-

le, director of alumni relations. "We have a list of 300 to 400 themes we can talk about, but this year it was easier because of the big event going on."

This year marks the 20th year of football at UVa-Wise.

"The theme needs to be memorable for alum and students because they're equally important on campus this week," Colie said.

Jo Stewart, assistant to the director of alumni relations, said there are plenty of memories and milestones to remember.

"Not only is this the 20th year of football here, a lot has changed," Stewart said. "The completion of buildings, the arts coming together un-

der one roof, the science building being finished, Crockett, Smiddy, a new residence hall — this marks a lot of milestones for the college."

Colie said the theme is drawing a lot of alumni in for homecoming.

"The football theme is a lot of fun and interesting to all of the alumni," she said.

"We're looking forward to seeing a lot of people who haven't been back since they left. Alumni Hall is their home away from home now so I'm sure there will be a lot of people in this building."

Along with the dance, the class of 1960 will be honored Friday at a reunion luncheon where the members

will receive medals.

"People stay connected really well to the college and to each other now," Colie said. "Facebook has been great in reconnecting people. Groups are traveling together. And this year, we're having a separate alumni dance Friday night for the classes of '79, '80, and '81 in addition to the 50th reunion for the class of '60."

Colie said she's happy to see so many alumni attend.

"It's a very exciting time to be on campus," Colie said. "It's nice to see after all these years, the alumni still want to be involved, still want to see each other and the campus and still want to stay connected with us."

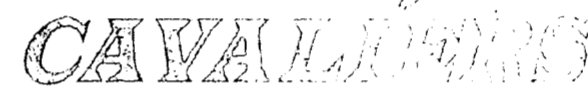
Homecoming Event Schedule

"Food Drive"-ing Me Crazy Contest
Sept. 27 to Oct. 1

Homecoming Football Game
Oct. 2 at 2:30 p.m. at Carl Smith Stadium

Red & Gray 5K and one-mile walk
Oct. 2 at 8 a.m.
Registration begins at 7 a.m. at Greaser Gymnasium

"Highland Cavalier" homecoming dance
Oct. 2 from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Norton



Fire

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building's owner, Robert Adkins, said the apartment that caught on fire would take some time to repair.

Tenants in the other apartments were able to move back in by Friday night, Gilliam said.

Gilliam said she was on her way home Friday afternoon when she saw the smoke.

"It was — it's only something like you see on TV," she said. "Cops and fire trucks go by and you never assume they're going to your house."

"It was surreal, I couldn't process what was going on."

She said that none of her stuff was damaged, although the apartment did smell a little smoky. She and her roommates, former UVa-Wise student LaRae Boyd and UVa-Wise assistant volleyball coach Kristin Salyer, live underneath the apartment in which the fire started.

Salyer said she was away from Wise Friday afternoon on a volleyball trip, and Gilliam said she couldn't get in touch with her at first.

"I was worried because I couldn't get ahold of one of my roommates," Gilliam said. "We called her and told her but initially I was freaking out."

Salyer said when Gilliam called, she was a little nervous.

"I didn't really understand what was going on," she said.

When Salyer returned Saturday night, she said she was able to stay in her apartment, and although there was a little water damage, her room was fine.

"I was thankful for that," she said.

Teresa Adkins, Robert Adkins' wife and the director of the college's Upward Bound program, said the



Photo by Allie Robinson

Fire destroyed most of the upstairs apartment where the flame started Friday.

nine people that live in the apartment complex are all either current students at the college or former students.

Gilliam said workers are starting to repair the damaged upstairs apartments. She said local groups helped them out after the fire.

"[The] Wesley Foundation came by and gave us all Walmart gift cards just to help out," she said. "We've had a lot of people check in on us and see that we're OK."

"Memories and Milestones" bookstore specials

Buy a Cavalier water bottle and get a free 20 oz. drink

Homecoming T-shirt (S-XL) \$15.99 (2X-3X) \$18.99

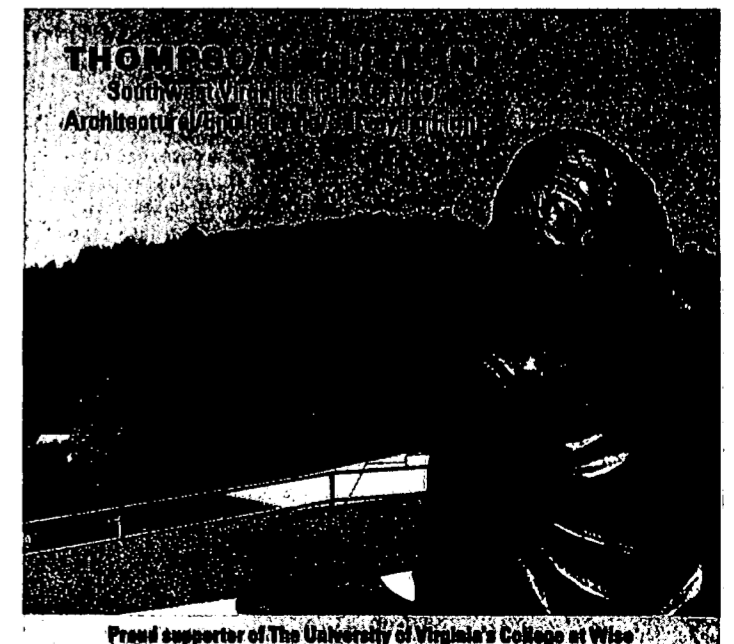
Uva-Wise Hoodie \$28

Car flags - buy one, get one 50% off

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Cavs looking for first win

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are looking to get a leg up in the Mid-South East
EKviskin. The winner of this game will move into
second place in the division behind Campbellsville.

The Cavs had their best offensive performance
of the season last week, scoring 26 points in the
game against Udon.

Senkn Stewart Robinson has been the Cavs most
consistent threat this season. Robln9on'ba8mshd45
times for 276 yards and three touchdowns.

As much as the offense is soft, the defense
regressed. The defense gave up 61 points, the most
since 2007, when the Cavs lost to the Tech 41-13.

The OoMen Bears will not present the Cavs with
the same problem tomorrow.

For the Cavs to win, both the offense and the
defense must improve against the OoMen Bears.

The home game kicks off at 7:30 p.m.
tomorrow.

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The Highland Cavaliers and the West Virginia
Tech Golden Bears have had similar seasons so far.
Both have been the victims of come-from-behind
wins and both have suffered bad losses to nationally-
ranked teams.

West Virginia Tech won its opening game of the
season against Xavier Nazarene 31-9, while the Cavs
are still looking for their first win of the season.

The Golden Bear offense has yet to create an
identity for itself. However, the combination of junior
quarterback Nicholas Scott and freshman A.J.
Schmidt have combined for 741 yards and six touch-
downs, but the team has thrown nine interceptions.

Both teams have had disappointing seasons, but

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