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► Comedian

Get your funny on as comedian Adam Grobowski comes to Centrell Banquet Hall on Sept. 20 at 9 p.m.

► Open mic night

SAB will hold an open mic night on Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. in Papa Joe's cafe.

College eyes NCAA membership

By Jordan Fifer
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UVa-Wise could become a member of the NCAA by 2015 if a league review process goes according to schedule, officials announced last month.

The West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, a Division II league, invited the college in early August to begin the process of becoming a member. UVa-Wise and league officials said in dual news

releases.

The 15-member league unanimously voted to invite UVa-Wise to return an interest letter seeking consideration for membership, officials said in a news release.

"We reached out to the WVIAC and, after careful consideration, they extended an invitation for an Expression of Interest letter," said Danny Sterling, the school's athletic director.

Sterling said the college submitted such an interest letter to the WVIAC, which begins a review process that could end in

league membership.

League officials will assess the interest letter and decide on the next steps, said WVIAC Commissioner Barry Blizzard.

The earliest college officials could apply for membership in the NCAA would be June 1, 2012. From there, the three-year review process would follow.

UVa-Wise is currently a member of the Mid-South Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, which includes 17 schools in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee,

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Surprise victory

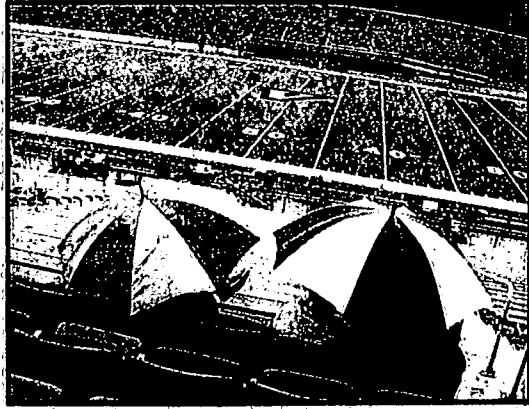


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(Top) Members of the UVa-Wise football team cheer after freshman defensive end Parrish Kelley picked off a Warrior pass and returned it for a 40-yard touchdown on Sept. 3. (Below) Lightning and rain delayed the game by 30 minutes but stopped in time for kickoff. (Right) Junior Ayinde Bridges (with flag) and sophomore Brandon Aird run on the field.



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Read more about the Cavs' 37-29 upset victory over the Warriors.



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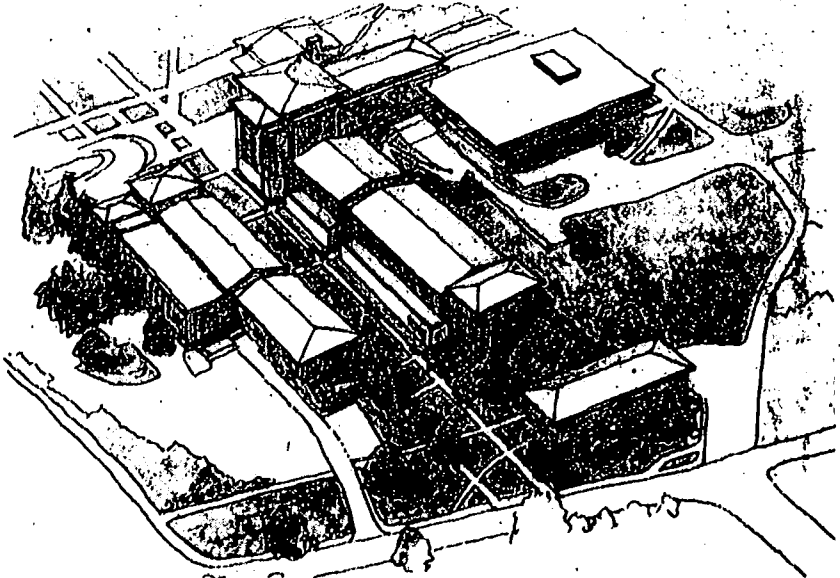
By Jordan Fifer
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The largest single donation in the college's 57-year history will fund a new health and wellness center and renovations to Greear Gym, officials announced in late August.

The \$8.3 million gift from Richard and Leslie Gilliam will add 11,000 square feet to the gym and provide space for The Healthy Appalachia Institute, a UVa-Wise organization that works to improve the health, education and environment of people in central Appalachia, according to a news release issued by the college.

"The strong commitment that Richard and Leslie Gilliam have shown to UVa-Wise and Southwest Virginia will have a tremendous impact on the health of our students and the residents of our region,"

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Courtesy of UVa-Wise

An architectural rendering shows a proposed layout for renovations and additions to Greear Gym.

News Briefs

Judicial board changes sentences

The Judicial Board has enacted new policies for the fall semester. The group felt last year's penalties for the misuse of drugs and alcohol weren't strict enough...

Alcohol is only permitted in those rooms within permissible buildings in which all occupants of the room are 21 and older...

Resident Advisers were instructed to share the new policy with residential students at the beginning of the semester.

There have been several first-time offenders so far this fall, but no students have been suspended or expelled for the misuse of drugs or alcohol.

Blood drive to be held Sept. 13

The college will hold a campus-wide blood drive on Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Cantrell Basquet Hall.

One donation of blood is enough to supply three individuals in emergency situations, so all students and faculty are encouraged to participate.

Although walk-ins are welcome, officials request that donors schedule an appointment, Justice said. To make an appointment, contact Justice at jv76@uvawise.edu.

To donate blood, donors must present valid identification and must be in good physical condition.

All donors will receive a free t-shirt for participating. Cameron Parsons

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Campus police Sgt. Ronnie Shortt writes a parking ticket for a car with an expired parking tag at the beginning of the fall 2010 semester.

Police: tickets, tows to increase

By Artemis Greer Staff Writer ag9eg@uvawise.edu

Despite similar announcements in previous years, campus police say that few, if any, warnings will be given for parking violations this year.

Translation: park in the correct spot or get a ticket. Parking in restricted areas and double-parking are the two most common violations on campus.

That's exactly what happened to junior business administration major Teal Booher, who commutes to school.

She recently received two tickets in one day after parking near Darden Hall.

"I was kind of in a hurry because it was the first week and I didn't want to be late," she said.

Shortt said students, faculty and staff should make sure vehicles are parked snugly between two white lines and that they are parked in designated spots, regardless of how far

they might have to walk to a building. "Walking is just a part of college life," he said.

He urged students to be considerate of others when looking for a spot. "Everybody runs late from time to time," he said.

Grant, donation to benefit college

By Jordan Fifer Editor-in-Chief jf3u@uvawise.edu

Two different contributions to UVA-Wise will fund student research, the opera program and a study of the Civil War.

The larger of the two gifts, a \$185,000 donation from the C. Bascom Slemp Foundation, will be divided into three parts.

About \$100,000 will fund "Appalachian Warfare," a college program that studies the Civil War's impact on Southwest Virginia.

The money will be used to bring lecturers to the college, among other endeavors.

"As Virginia celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War through 2015, the funds from the Slemp Foundation will allow the college to cre-

ate a series of academic and public programs that reflect the uniqueness of the region," college spokeswoman Kathy Still said in the release.

Another \$60,000 from the foundation will go to create the C. Bascom Slemp Fund for Undergraduate Research, officials said.

The fund will "enable more field research in archival and scientific settings, provide resources for students to present the outcomes of their research at academic conferences and provide support for faculty members to mentor and guide the research of UVA-Wise students," Still said.

The final \$25,000 was awarded to the college's Southwest Virginia Summer Opera Company to assist in program operating expenses.

Chancellor David Prior said he welcomed the gift from the Slemp Foundation.

"Through its longstanding and ongoing partnership with the college, the C. Bascom Slemp Foundation

continues to transform lives in the region," he said. "This year's gift is another example of the foundation's support of our upward trajectory, and I am delighted that the trustees have invested in three of our most innovative and important programs."

In a separate contribution, UVA-Wise received a \$30,000 grant from the Dominion Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Dominion, one of the nation's largest energy providers.

The money will fund student research in water and soil quality in Norton as part of a biodiversity survey in advance of a proposed 1-1/4 mile river walk set to be constructed along the Guest River.

"It will effectively create an outdoor classroom in Southwest Virginia that will provide opportunities for UVA-Wise students and faculty to join K-12 students, teachers and parents in work that is educational, environmentally responsible and socially engaging," Prior said.

Professor on the mend from disease

By Talia Elliott Staff Writer tse4g@uvawise.edu

Eric Smith worried he wouldn't live to see his young niece giggle one more time.

In isolation in a Nashville hospital, the political science professor battled aplastic anemia, a sometimes-fatal disease that rids the body of its ability to properly produce blood cells.

"I wanted to see her grow up," Smith said of his niece this week.

Forced to leave school in December 2010 to fight the disease, Smith, 35, is back this semester in better health. He's since spent time with the toddler.

The assistant professor of political science still has a long road to travel toward recovery, but he's seeing significant changes in the way he feels, notably, his ability to return to the students and colleagues he cares so much about.

Smith spent much of the spring semester seeking treatment for the disorder. In March he had a stem cell transplant, a procedure that wiped out and reset

his body's immune system in the hopes of vanquishing the disease.

Often isolated in hotel and hospital rooms, Smith wasn't allowed much contact with other people who might harbor infections that could have proven deadly for him.

Six months later, Smith said he's doing better but isn't yet out of the woods. Before he can be declared in remission, or even cured, he must wait two years to make sure the stem cell transplant was a success.

His latest blood tests have returned normal, he said. He continues to see a dermatologist about once a month to get blood work checked. By many measures, his health is slowly becoming something close to what it once was.

Smith battled through harsh side-effects during his treatment, including mucositis, a painful infection of the intestinal lining.

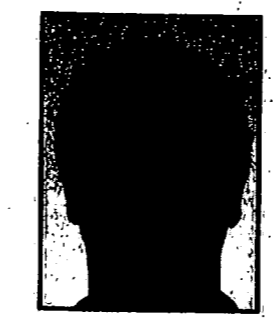
"I went a week without eating," Smith said. Part of his treatment required the use of machines that infuse medications into the body and pump blood out.

"When you got tubes hanging out of your body, it's not fun," he said. That doesn't concern him now, he said. Coming back to work on campus has provided Smith the extra boost he needs to heal himself simply by being around the people that he loves.

His colleagues at the college have been "incredible," Smith said. While he was gone, his fellow department professors and friends helped to keep his work done so he'd have less stress, he said.

Editorial

Residents need wireless Web



By Todd Galyeon Opinion Editor tmg7h@uvawise.edu

How many students would love to throw away their cell phones and return to a land-line telephone? The answer is, of course, none.

Likewise, this same expectation and efficiency applies to wireless Internet. Wi-Fi allows users to access the Web anywhere a signal is available.

Residential students are forced to use the archaic Ethernet cord, which holds them to a single spot in their rooms or causes them to trek over the 20-foot long cable snaking across the floor.

Unfortunately, the obvious solution of using personal wireless routers is not possible. Personal routers wreak havoc on internet connections on campus, resulting in the offending resident's Internet being shut off.

The only solution is for the college to install its own Wi-Fi hot spots in the residence halls to provide painless wireless Internet for residents.

Our buildings are up to date, why not our technology?

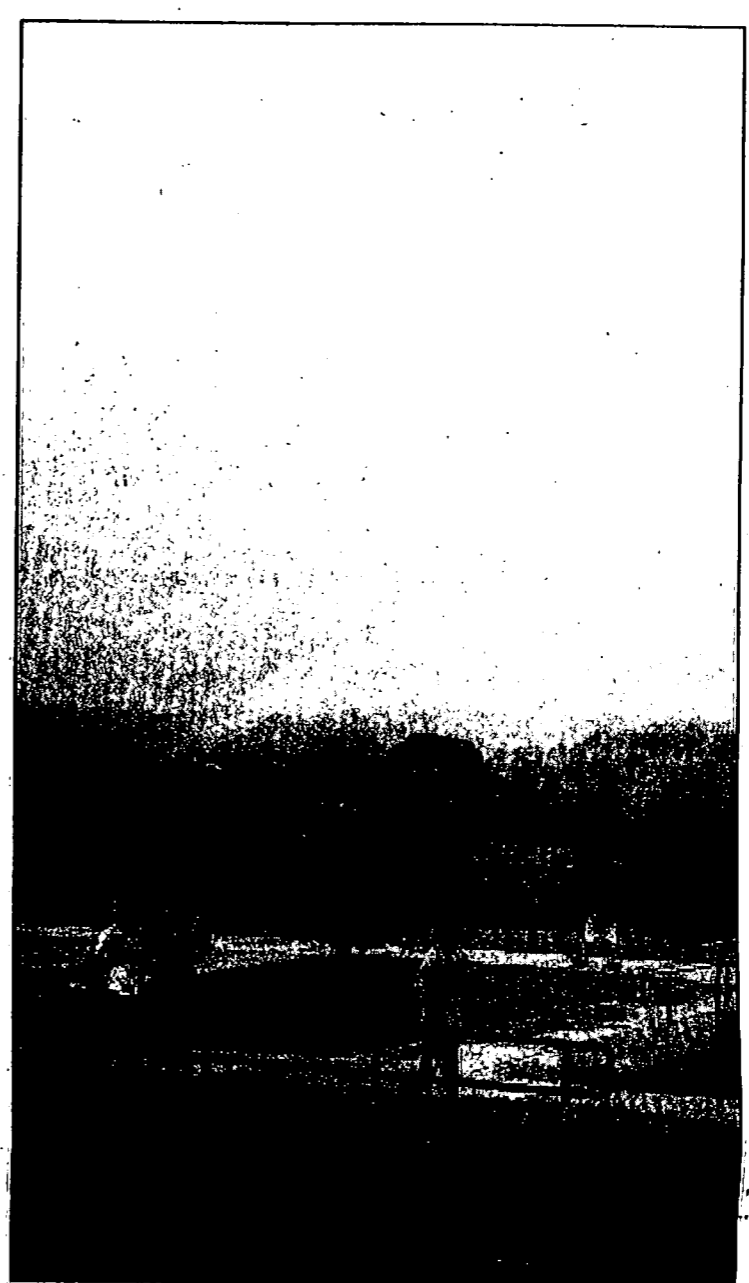
Wireless Internet in the rooms would be a great selling point to prospective students as another addition to the already long list of enhancements made to the school in recent years.

Technology often takes longer to arrive than one would like and, clearly, wireless Internet will be in our rooms and all across campus one day.

Hopefully, though, for the sake of the students and the school it will appear sooner rather than later.

Campus Window

At the end of the rainbow



One bright spot of going to class even with this week's rain — a rainbow arches over the UVA-Wise campus Wednesday.

Politics can be dangerous

By Jimmy Dingess Staff Writer jxd7q@uvawise.edu

When George Washington left office after two exhausting terms as the first president of the United States, he published his farewell address to the people.

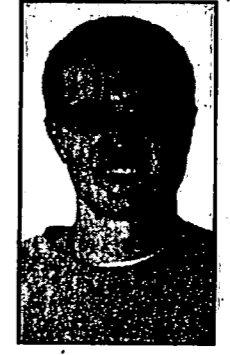
Like Washington, I realize that people will form political parties. The consequences of these groups, however, are constant stress within the populace and government and the likely possibility of a political stalemate caused by partisanship.

This problem should still be fresh in the American mind after Congress recently argued about extending the federal debt ceiling. While eventually the Budget Control Act was passed, the attitude with which each side of the aisle approached the issue was not of forging an economic disaster, but trying to achieve a political victory over the opposing party.

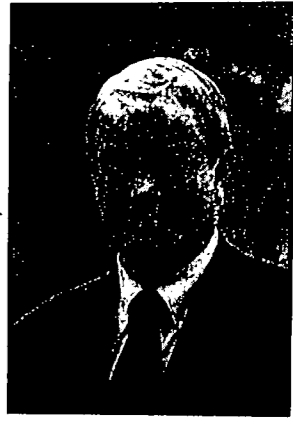
The amount of childish behavior emanating from both sides was appalling. From a citizen's perspective, it felt as if Congress was made up of six-year-olds fighting over a cookie.

This movement away from upholding the ideals of the Constitution and toward an attitude where the only victory is a party victory concerns me.

In the ideal system of American politics, Congress would not be plagued with the barriers of party politics, but would represent the well-being of their constituents.



Dingess



Greetings from the Chancellor

New construction, gifts highlight "college on the move"

New and returning students, I want to welcome our returning students to campus as the fall 2011 semester gets underway.

I especially want to welcome our freshmen as they begin their studies at UVA-Wise. I personally sign each acceptance letter issued, and I look forward to greeting you four years from now at your 2015 graduation.

We are fortunate to have many transfer students who have chosen UVA-Wise to complete their bachelor's degrees. A strong liberal arts education will prepare you for rewarding careers or graduate school.

These are exciting times at UVA-Wise. After several years of steady construction, the dust has settled: a bit around campus. We are putting the finishing touches on the renovation of Smiddy Hall. We are in the process of opening our new Convocation Center, which will be home to our volleyball and basketball teams, as well as the site for concerts and community events.

As you know, we are a "college on the move." We are in the planning stage for construction of two additional improvements to campus; a major expansion of our fitness center in the Slemp Student Center, along with the first stage of renovation of Greear Gymnasium. In addition, we are planning the largest capital project in our history, a new five-story central library.

It is a wonderful time to be a part of UVA-Wise. I urge all of you to get involved during your time on campus. Students who are engaged in various organizations, teams, or events while in college tend to stay the course and complete their degrees. We are a family at UVA-Wise and we stand ready to help you along the path of success.

Have a great fall semester. David J. Prior, Chancellor

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Virginia and West Virginia. The WVIAC currently has 15 schools in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. King College, in Bristol, Tenn., started the process of moving from the NAIA in 2007 and will become a full NCAA Division II member this year.

The potential move to the NCAA is the latest in a series of positive moves for UVA-Wise's athletic program. The college recently spent \$440,000 to install new artificial turf in Carl Smith Stadium and the athletic department redesigned the school logo last year.

In early October, the school is set to formally open the new \$30 million convocation center, which will house basketball and volleyball games, as well as concerts and other events.

"It is our intention to be open, honest and as transparent as possible as we study our affiliation and a potential move into NCAA Division II," Sterling said. "And we welcome feedback and community involvement in the process."

Gilliam

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said Chancellor David Prior.

Officials hope to break ground on the health and wellness center in the spring, said Kathy Still, the college's spokeswoman.

The new wing will house "a new exercise area, a multipurpose room for yoga, Pilates, dance and other activities, two conference rooms for individual and group health advising and instruction and locker rooms," according to the news release.

More than 5,800 square feet of the existing gym will be renovated, including a new entrance, refurbished restrooms and locker rooms.

The Healthy Appalachia Institute, a think-tank coalition between UVA-Wise and the University of Virginia Health System, is currently housed on campus but has no official offices.

Richard Gilliam, a 1974 graduate of what was then Clinch Valley College, went on to found and become CEO of Cumberland Resources, a large coal company purchased by Massey Energy in 2010.

The largest single gift to date was a \$4 million donation in 2010 from the estate of Robert Charles Hancock that went toward the school's scholarship fund, Still said.

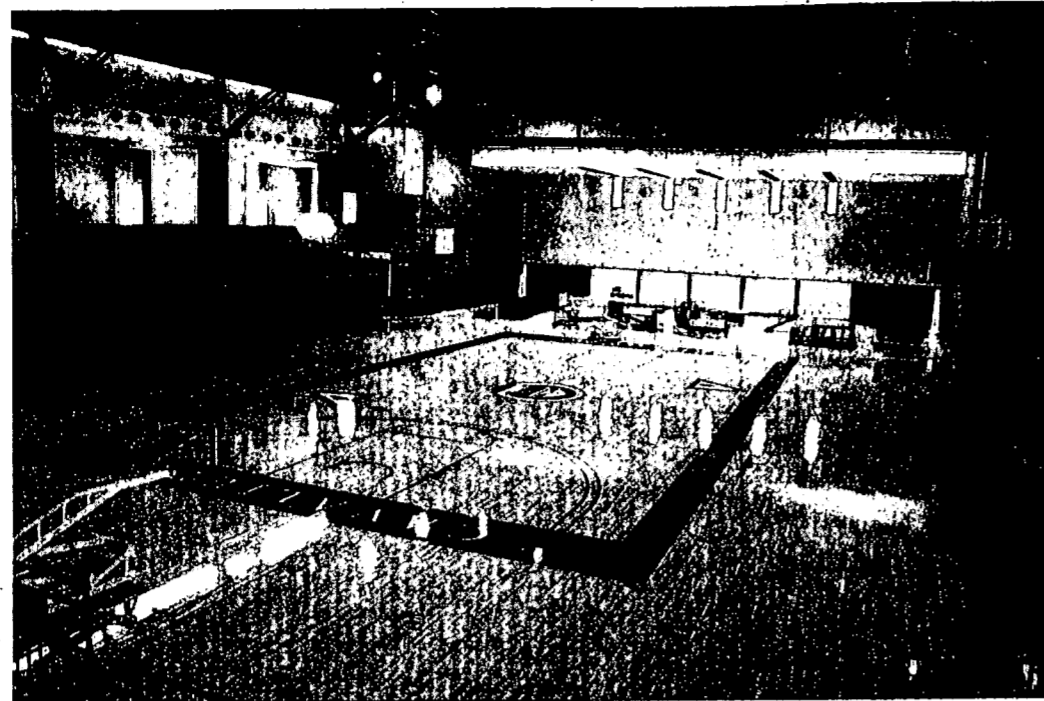
The Gilliams said they agreed to announce the donation in the hopes it will spur other energy executives to make similar contributions.

"My wife Leslie and I are delighted to help provide UVA-Wise with new facilities for fitness," he said. "Our goal is to provide for UVA-Wise in a way that will assist the school in attracting and retaining students and to support and encourage a healthy lifestyle for students."

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The convocation center is set to open officially with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 3. The first home volleyball game is scheduled to be held in the building on Sept. 17 at 11 a.m.

Davis now director of convocation center

By Kristin Foley Staff Writer kf35b@uvawise.edu



Davis

"I would tell my son goodbye in the mornings and I would not see him again until I told him bye the next morning," he said. "The job as director of the convocation center will be demanding [but] I'll be coming home to my son at eight or nine, instead of 11, 12, or even 1 a.m."

Davis' duties as head of the center include maintaining the facility, scheduling events such as concerts and tournaments and marketing the center.

He said he will miss the students and relationships he built in the student center, but hopes the new position will lead to new relationships.

The first volleyball game scheduled to be held in the convocation center will be Sept. 17 at 11 a.m., Davis said. Officials are set to hold an official ribbon-cutting on Oct. 3.

Where were you?

Ahead of the tenth anniversary of Sept. 11, 2011, The Highland Cavalier asked students and staff how the terrorist attacks changed the world.

Story and photos by Hayley Galloway | Staff Writer | hmg4v@uvawise.edu



Beau Boggs, campus police officer

Where and what were you doing on 9/11?

"I was working as a cop at Big Stone Gap. I'd had the night shift and got off at 8 a.m. that morning. I was awakened by a phone call and reported to the police station."

"When I got there we did an inventory and head count and readied everything, all the facilities, vehicles, everything. We didn't know what would happen next so we were ready and waiting."

How did 9/11 affect you?

"The civilian loss of life was terrible. It really hit home. The police officers, firefighters and military personnel who were at the scene spoke volumes for those professions. It makes me proud."



Joe Necessary, senior theater major

Age: 21

Age on 9/11:

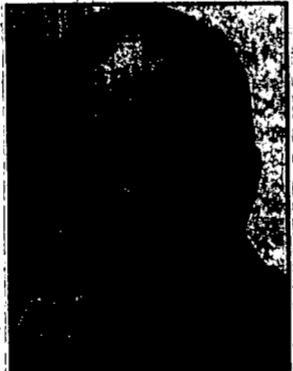
"Eleven"

Where and what were you doing on 9/11?

"I was middle school in the gym ... and they announced the attack over the intercom. I remember that some of the kids were arguing about the name WTC — whether it stood for World Trade Center or World Traffic Center."

How do you think the world has changed because of 9/11?

"It's gotten worse. We've become increasingly convinced that we have to destroy what isn't like us because what isn't like us will destroy us."



Michael Samerdyke, adjunct history instructor

Where and what were you doing on 9/11?

"I was at my house in Big Stone Gap and I'd gone to the post office to mail some things when somebody mentioned the attack to me."

How do you think the world has changed because of the attacks?

"I think probably the American people have an adversarial view of the outside world. Other people have an adversarial view on the United States more so than before."

How do you think 9/11 has changed the way other countries view the world?

"Probably their view of the American response as well as more adversarial and less trusting towards the United States."

sports

Lusk starts career, season off with win

By Jordan Childress Assistant Sports Editor jcc6x@uvawise.edu

New players, new uniforms, new turf and a new head coach made a new look as the Cavaliers' head coach Dewey Lusk led the team to a season opener win against Webber International on Sept. 3.

Lusk, who succeeded longtime Cavs coach Bruce Wasem, was excited even before Saturday's kickoff.

"I'm looking forward to watching kids that have worked hard," said Lusk. "We are counting on a lot of freshmen and we have not had one bad day of practice."

Lusk said he has been pleased with how the Cavs have come together since camp started a month ago.

"We have a great group of kids who are going to be a lot of fun to watch," he said.

Lusk has plenty of talent to draw upon for the Cavs' quarterback position, with seven men on the roster: Tye Marshall, Micah Cunningham, Hunter Hoke, Taylor Harmon, David Roop, John Kelly and Nick Leitwich.

"It's Marshall and Cunningham. One is a pocket passer and the other is a runner," Lusk said

last week about the two freshman quarterbacks. "I'm not hiding anything. I'm going to play both, which will be hard on other defensive coordinators."

Lusk said he is looking forward to a strong running game this year with running backs Stewart Robertson, Andre Dickerson, Ryan Bouldin and Thomas Wright working behind an experienced offensive line.

Virginia Tech standout and former NFL player Justin Hamilton moves into the defensive coordinator position this season.

"Hamilton is just a great person who brings a lot of experience to the team," said Lusk.

Lusk plans to synthesize his and Hamilton's ideas to create a challenge for opposing offenses.

"Justin brings Bud Foster from Virginia Tech and I bring Lou Wacker from Emory & Henry," Lusk said. "We have just combined both of their approaches into a great defense."

Lusk said he is excited that the Cavs are scheduled to play four night games at home on the new turf.

"It's what the college football atmosphere is about," he said. "We're going to go out to represent UVA-Wise and the community with some exciting football."



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New Cavs head coach Dewey Lusk signals to his team during their upset win over Webber International on Sept. 3. Coach Lusk and the Cavs will look to build on their win over Webber tomorrow against No. 16 University of the Cumberland.

Name: Dewey Climer Lusk
Alma mater: high school and college: Christiansburg High School; Emory & Henry College
Family: Wife: Mitty; son: Gil (ophthalmologist for the Cavs); daughter: Landi (senior at Union High School)
Hobbies: Big Stone Gap, Va.
Childhood: Littleport, Va.
Favorite college teams: Virginia Tech
Favorite NFL team: Washington Redskins
Quote about new year: "We have been using 'NOW,' because it's about next game, next win, next practice, and next class." "What UVA-Wise is about: champions is our goal!"



several high profile athletes had received improper benefits and that Tressel had knowledge of the events.

Tressel resigned on May 30, and previously-suspended quarterback Terrell Pryor announced he was leaving the university on June 8.

Tressel was not the only high profile coach to lose his job as a result of negligence. North Carolina head coach Butch Davis was fired by the university on July 27.

Perhaps the largest corruption story ever uncovered in college football broke on Aug. 16, as Yahoo! Sports reported that former Miami Hurricanes booster Nevin Shapiro allegedly gave improper benefits to numerous student athletes from 2002 through 2010.

Shapiro gave players cars, cash, prostitutes and even paid for abortions.

Although the exact number of players Shapiro worked with is unknown, the Hurricanes had nine players suspended for their opening game against Maryland.

The start of fall classes can put a damper on even the best athletes, but there's one thing about the fall that makes it all worthwhile — football! The first week of college football gave fans one of the most memorable opening weeks of gameplay ever, thanks to several high profile games and interesting story lines. The most compelling of these story lines is the seemingly rampant corruption found in college football. Former Buckeyes head coach Jim Tressel seemed to run one of the nation's cleanest football operations at Ohio State. However, it was discovered this offseason that

All of the off-field issues couldn't hamper one of the most exciting weeks of football in years, beginning with Baylor's thrilling 50-48 victory over No. 14 TCU on Sept. 2, and ending with Maryland's 24-23 victory over Miami on Sept. 5.

Auburn barely escaped a home loss against Utah State, scoring 14 points in less than two minutes to win the game 42-38.

Even perennial conference bottom dwellers Syracuse and Wake Forest played an exciting game. The Demon Deacons blew an early lead and fell 36-29 in overtime.

The two biggest games of opening week were nonconference games for two marquee SEC schools, Georgia and LSU.

Georgia fell 35-21 against Cinderella-Boise State, while LSU dominated Oregon 40-27 in their opening game.

Next week looks to offer even more great football games with the start of the NFL season.

Games of the Week

By Cameron Parsons Managing Editor cjp7m@uvawise.edu



Alabama Crimson Tide @ Penn State Nittany Lions

The Crimson Tide thoroughly dominated the Kent State Golden Flashes during their 48-7 victory on Sept. 3.

The defense was solid, holding the Eagles to -9 yards rushing and a mere 89 yards through the air. Offense played effectively, scoring nearly fifty points, but played very inconsistently.

In limited action, junior landing back Trent Richardson carried the ball 13 times for 30 yards and three touchdowns.

The main question for Alabama is the quarterback position.

Sophomore quarterback A.J. McCarron completed 14-of-23 passing attempts for 226 yards and six touchdowns, while freshman quarterback Philip Sims completed 7-of-14 passing attempts for 73 yards.

Both quarterbacks threw two interceptions each, and as a team, the Crimson Tide committed five turnovers in the game.

Alabama wasn't hurt by the turnovers against Kent State, but against a team like Penn State, a similar performance could be deadly.

As for Penn State, senior corner-

back Chaz Powell returned the opening kickoff 95 yards, to give the Nittany Lions a quick lead en route to a 41-7 victory over the Indiana State Sycamores.

Perhaps the most impressive player on the field was freshman running back Steve Redd. Redd gained 104 yards on 12 attempts, scoring two touchdowns.

Like Alabama, Penn State has some issues at quarterback.

Head coach Joe Paterno needs a game manager at quarterback and both quarterbacks did just that.

Junior quarterback Matt McGinley went 6-of-8 for 77 yards, while sophomore Rob Bolden went 6-of-12 for 37 yards and was sacked twice.

Unlike Alabama, however, Penn State didn't struggle with hanging on to the football and forced three turnovers while committing none of their own.

Both teams looked impressive on opening day, dominating their opponents. Both, however, have issues they must address going into this game.

Although the game is at Beaver Stadium, Alabama is loaded with talent and should win the game. The game will air tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. on ABC.



Dallas Cowboys @ New York Jets

The Cowboys are coming off of a disappointing 6-10 campaign last season, which saw their best player injured and head coach fired.

New Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett took over from former head coach Wade Phillips during the middle of last season, going 5-1 on the year during his first head coaching job.

Quarterback Tony Romo is returning after missing the last half of the season with a broken clavicle.

Romo flourished under Garrett and this season should be no different.

Expect the entire Cowboys offense to do great things this year.

The Cowboys had one of their worst seasons in recent memory, due mainly to poor defensive play.

The team allowed more than 27 points per game, placing them at second worst in the league.

If the Cowboys can't pick up the pace, they will finish near the NFC cellar again this season. One team that hasn't struggled with defense is the New York Jets.

The Jets are looking to reach the playoffs for the third year in a row,

which would be the first time in franchise history.

Controversial Jets head coach Rex Ryan has successfully guided his team from the bottom of the conference to a perennial contender.

The main reason for the team's success is the defense which finished third overall, allowing fewer than 300 yards per game last season.

Setting up the defense has been a deceptively good offense.

Although they rely on ball control and simply trying to not lose the game, only the Patriots racked up more points per game in the division.

Quarterback Mark Sanchez effectively managed the offense last season with 3,291 yards passing and 17 touchdowns.

The key to the game will be how Romo and Garrett fare against the stout Jets defense.

Starting out the year against one of the nation's best should result in a loss for the 'Boys.

The game will air Sunday at 8:20 p.m. on NBC.

Quick Hits

Bratton wins Mid-South and NAIA awards

Junior defensive back Marcus Bratton was named the Mid-South and NAIA Special Teams player of the week this week. Bratton returned a 94-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. He averaged more than 50 yards per return during the Cavs' 37-29 win against Webber on Sept. 3.

Sanchez dishes out 37 assists

Freshman Veronica Sanchez led the Cavs with 37 assists and senior Mikaela Anders finished the night with 15 kills.

The Cavs defeated the University of Pikeville to open up Conference play. The Cavs won sets of 25-21, 25-13 and 25-19 against the Bears.

Upcoming Games

Football

The Highland Cavaliers travel to No. 16 Cumberland for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff tomorrow. The game can be found on WAXM (93.5 FM).

Volleyball

The Highland Cavalier volleyball team play at home tomorrow against Shawnee State University at 10:00 a.m. and away Tuesday at 6:30 against Mountain State University.

Cross Country

The men's and women's cross country team have their first match of the season tomorrow at the Washington & Lee Invitational.

Golf

The golf team will play their first match of the fall season today and tomorrow at the Bill Sargent Invitational in London, Ky.

Cavs shock Warriors, 37-29



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Freshman defensive back Delon Roy (37) and sophomore defensive lineman Walter Micokey (97) tackle Webber International running back Zack Day (7) during the Cavs' 37-29 win over the Warriors on Sept. 3.

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Lighting strikes delayed last Saturday's kickoff at Carl Smith Stadium, but the Highland Cavaliers didn't delay in scoring against nationally ranked Webber International.

Eighteen seconds into the game, Cavs quarterback Tye Marshall opened a 37-point scoring streak against the Warriors with a 72-yard strike to wide receiver Tyrone Jefferson. Jefferson grabbed 117 yards receiving for the night.

The Warriors struck back moments later when Steven Willis intercepted Marshall's second pass attempt and set up a 24-yard touchdown by fellow Warrior Deonte Fiedler.

Pregame rainfall slowed both teams, but the Cavs defense held Warriors quarterback Torrance Moise to 59 yards passing and only 26 yards rushing on the wet turf. The Cavs gave up 334 total yards to Moise last year.

Cavs freshman defensive end Parrish Kelly picked off a Moise pass for a 40-yard touchdown return. The Warriors recouped with an offensive drive to a 14-14

halftime score. Neither team completed a third down conversion in the first half.

Coming out of halftime, the Warriors fumbled and Cav Marcus Bratton brought it back into Warrior territory for a 44-yard field goal by kicker Paul Melshe. The Warriors answered with a 25-yard field goal by Mason Prater bringing the score to 17-17.

Both teams struggled until the Warriors' Ricky Carlson returned a 51-yard punt return back for a touchdown and their first lead with 29 seconds left in the third quarter.

Cav Erik Bolling blocked the extra point attempt, holding the score to 17-23. Cav defensive back Marcus Bratton answered the Warriors push with a 94-yard kickoff return.

"That was seven points right there. I saw my blocks and took it" said Bratton, who brought the Cavs back to a 24-23 lead.

Tye Marshall and the coordinated offense set up a one-yard rushing touchdown by senior Amondre Johnson. The score was the first offensive collegiate touchdown of Johnson's career.

Melshe's extra point brought the score to 31-23 Cavs.

The Warriors marched down the field and scored with 28 seconds on the clock, but Cavs senior defensive back Jahmal Potter foiled their two-point conversion attempt.

Cavs sophomore wide receiver James Long recovered the Warriors' onside kick attempt for the final six points of the night, sealing the 37-29 upset against the Warriors.

Marshall, who threw 242 yards and one touchdown, acknowledged the night's three interceptions.

"It's different than high school, you can't lob passes up...they get picked," he said.

Lusk said that having the team play well was very important.

"That means everything, because we have worked so hard on all three phases," he said.

Cavs defensive coordinator Justin Hamilton credited his players with several major stops against Warrior drives.

"Defense played their butt off and fought all game, but there's things we can correct," Hamilton said.

Cavs travel to No. 16 ranked University of the Cumberland tomorrow for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

Volleyball looks to conference

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The women's volleyball team started the season with a 2-6 record but is looking to turn the season around to be a major contender in the Mid-South Conference.

The team picked up their first home game victory versus Bluefield College on Sept. 1, winning in three straight sets 25-15, 25-14, and 25-16.

Kendall Rainey, the third-year head coach, said the team performed ably in the energetic home atmosphere.

"It was our first home match and we had a pretty good crowd and atmosphere," she said. "Overall we played pretty well."

During the game, freshman setter Victoria Sanchez already has 141 assists on the season and posted 29 assists versus the Rams.

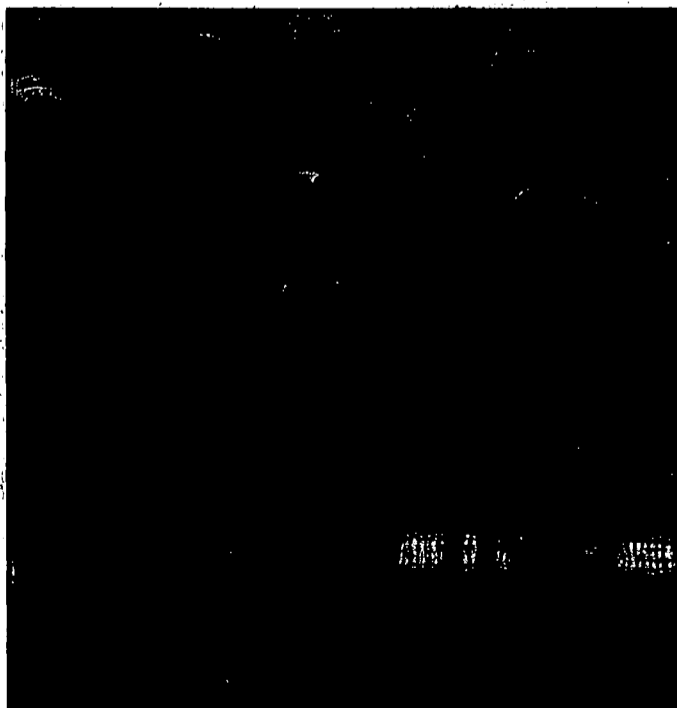
Sanchez said she was excited to play for Wise.

"It's incredible to know that as a freshman I was able to come in and be a part of the team," she said. "Collegiate ball is very hard, so it's an honor to a part of the team."

Mikaela Anders, a senior middle hitter, also assisted in the victory. Anders had 11 kills at the home game and already has 56 in the season. Rainey said Anders' role on the team is important both on and off of the court.

"Mikaela has been the leader as far as kills on the team since being a freshman," Rainey said. "She's a really critical part of our offense and our team."

Rainey said the team needs to improve on scoring points, but she is pleased with the progress they have made so far.



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Senior Mikaela Anders (9) goes up for a spike during the Cavs' 25-15, 25-14 and 25-16 win over Bluefield College on Sept. 1. The Cavs will face conference rival Shawnee State University tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the Greear Gym.

She said the squad has grown quite a bit and hopes they "peak at the right time of the season."

Rainey has high expectations for the rest of the season.

"We want to continue the success

we've had and go after that championship," she said.

The Cavs' next game is tomorrow at home against conference rival Shawnee State University. The game is set to begin at 10 a.m.



See page 5 to find out more about the Cavs' new head coach, Dawey Lusk.