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Upcoming

► Open Mic

Show off your talents at SAB Open Mic Night at 8 p.m. on Oct. 26 in Papa Joe's Cafe.

► Concert

The Return, a Beatles cover band, and Runnin' from Jezebel, a local group, will perform at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night in the convocation center.

► Football

The Cavs host the University of Pikeville tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in the second to last home game of the season.

Weather

Friday



53°F / 37°F

Saturday



61°F / 37°F

Sunday



62°F / 44°F

Weather courtesy of
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'78,000 square feet of opportunity'

Officials celebrate convocation center with ribbon cutting

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The new \$30 million convocation center officially opened its doors on Oct. 10 during a ribbon cutting ceremony that drew guests from the community, the college and the University of Virginia.

The 45 minute ceremony was set up for 120 guests but the event soon turned into a standing-room-only affair after a crowd began to file in.

UVa President Teresa Sullivan, Virginia Delegate Terry Kilgore, UVa-Wise Chancellor David Prior, UVa Rector Helen Dragas and UVa-Wise Rector Chair Marcia Gilliam all spoke highly of the new building and to the bright future it could bring to the campus.

"The facility brings our college new opportunities and more responsibility and we embrace both," Prior said. "Our students, our faculty and staff and our region's citizens will all benefit for many's years to come."

The new convocation center is 78,000 square feet of offices, athletic courts and locker rooms.

The building has already held a concert by "Papa" Joe Smiddy and the Reedy Creek Band on Oct. 4, and the women's volleyball team played their first contest on the center's court on Sept. 17.

The ribbon cutting was the official opening of the center to the general public, although there is still some work to be done.

"The building is only about five percent away from being complete-



Courtesy of Tim Cox | UVa-Wise

College officials and local elected officials cut the ribbon on the new convocation center during a ceremony on Oct. 10. Those gathered included UVa President Teresa Sullivan, Virginia Delegate Terry Kilgore, UVa-Wise Chancellor David Prior, UVa Rector Helen Dragas and UVa-Wise Rector Chair Marcia Gilliam.

ly finished," said the new director of the UVa-Wise convocation center, Chris Davis.

Davis had previously served as the director of intramurals and the assistant director of the Slemp Student Center, but said he was ready for a new challenge.

"Being in charge of intramurals kept me out late hours and on the weekends, and I didn't get to see my family a lot," Davis said. "It's not nearly as many late nights, but very busy days."

Beatles cover band The Return is set to perform a 7:30 p.m. show in the center tomorrow night, with opening local band Runnin'

From Jezebel, opening the concert.

The next major event for the convocation center will be the UVa-Wise Technology Symposium on Oct. 25, which will allow the college a chance to show off its new facility to other institutions.

In addition to the men's and women's basketball teams and the volleyball team, the Central High School basketball teams will also play their home games in the convocation center.

The center will host the local high school district and regional basketball playoff games and some wrestling tournaments, as well.

Former students found guilty in beating

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Four former UVa-Wise students pleaded guilty last week to beating and attempting to rob a fellow student at his off-campus apartment in February.

Paul Gene Kearney, Byron Thaxter Lawrence and Brycelyn Corey Miller, all 19, were each found guilty of felony burglary and misdemeanor assault and battery in the Oct. 12 hearing in Wise County Circuit Court. They each face up to 20 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine for the burglary charge, and 12 months in prison for assault and battery.

Victor Tariq Lawson, 21, could spend up to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit burglary, a felony.

Kearney and Miller entered Alford pleas, a type of guilty plea that does not admit guilt but acknowledges that there is enough evidence to convict them.

The four are scheduled to be sentenced on Jan. 9, court records show.

A fifth former student, Robert Lewis Jones, 19, was indicted on felony burglary charges by the October grand jury on Oct. 17, court records show.

The five men were freshman football players who allegedly worked together to beat junior Christopher Riner, 26, in a failed robbery attempt at Riner's rental property on Feb. 3.

They drove from campus to Riner's house, just two blocks from the college, around 11:30 p.m. with the express purpose of robbing Riner, court records show.

According to previous testimony, Miller knocked on the house door and when Riner opened it, Lawrence struck him with a base-



The Highland Cavalier | File photo

The beating and failed robbery took place at a junior's rental property just a few blocks from campus.

ball bat. Kearney, Jones, Lawrence and Miller then continued hitting Riner, while Lawson, the group's driver, stayed in the vehicle.

The group fled only when Riner yelled to his girlfriend to call police, according to testimony.

Riner was taken to Norton Community Hospital with what police at the time described as a gaping head wound, among other injuries. He was treated and released that night.

The men charged have since been suspended from the football team and banned from campus. They have each withdrawn from the college.

\$20K grant will fund telehealth training

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The UVa-Wise nursing department received a \$20,000 grant that will fund telehealth education in one of Virginia's first such programs, college officials announced this week.

The grant from the Verizon Foundation, the charity arm of Verizon, will help the college "lead the way by keeping its nursing curriculum up to speed with the technology," according to a UVa-Wise news release.

Telehealth technologies allow patients in rural areas, like

Southwest Virginia, to receive care and monitoring from afar.

Money from the grant will be used to implement changes in the nursing curriculum this fall that will "maximize the use of emerging and evolving telehealth technologies to improve health care access and services," the release said. The grant will also go toward a regional telehealth symposium for area medical professionals.

"We are so appreciative of Verizon's support to help us better prepare our nursing students to use telehealth in the effective management of chronic disease, screening for diabetic retinopathy and other health care concerns," said Cathleen Collins, chair of the nursing department. "This will greatly benefit the health outcomes of our citizens."

News Briefs

Scholar to lecture in new center

A prolific literary theorist and legal scholar is set to lecture on campus Thursday, college officials said.

Stanley Fish, a professor of law at Florida International University in Miami, will be the first academic to speak in the newly-christened convocation center.

Fish has authored several books, including "The Trouble With Principle," "Professional Correctness: Literary Studies and Political Change" and "There's No Such Thing as Free Speech, and It's a Good Thing, Too." His essays and columns have been published in several national newspapers and magazines.

Fish is "one of the most prominent American intellectuals in academia today," according to a college news release.

The free lecture, set for 7 p.m., is sponsored by the Colgate Darden Endowed Lecture Series and is open to the public.

- Jordan Fifer

Napoleon Hill Day to feature author

Bestselling author Sharon Lechter is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at the annual Napoleon Hill Day on Monday, college officials said.

Lechter, co-author of the New York Times bestseller "Rich Dad, Poor Dad," will speak at 11 a.m. in the Greear Gym in conjunction with the Future Business Leaders of America fall conference.

Lechter is "a certified public accountant, entrepreneur, international speaker and proud mother and grandmother," a college news release said.

Napoleon Hill Day celebrates the life of Hill, a Pound native born to humble means who went on to advise presidents and author motivational books.

- Jordan Fifer

Former Monster.com VP to speak

A former vice president for job-scouting website Monster.com is set to speak at the the 2011 UVA-Wise Technology Symposium on Monday, college officials said.

Steve Brandon retired in 2002 after the staffing and consulting firm he co-founded was bought by the company that now owns Monster.com, according to a college news release.

This year's symposium will focus on becoming an entrepreneur inside an organization.

"The symposium will feature a number of experts on technology innovation, re-engineering and standards compliance," the release said.

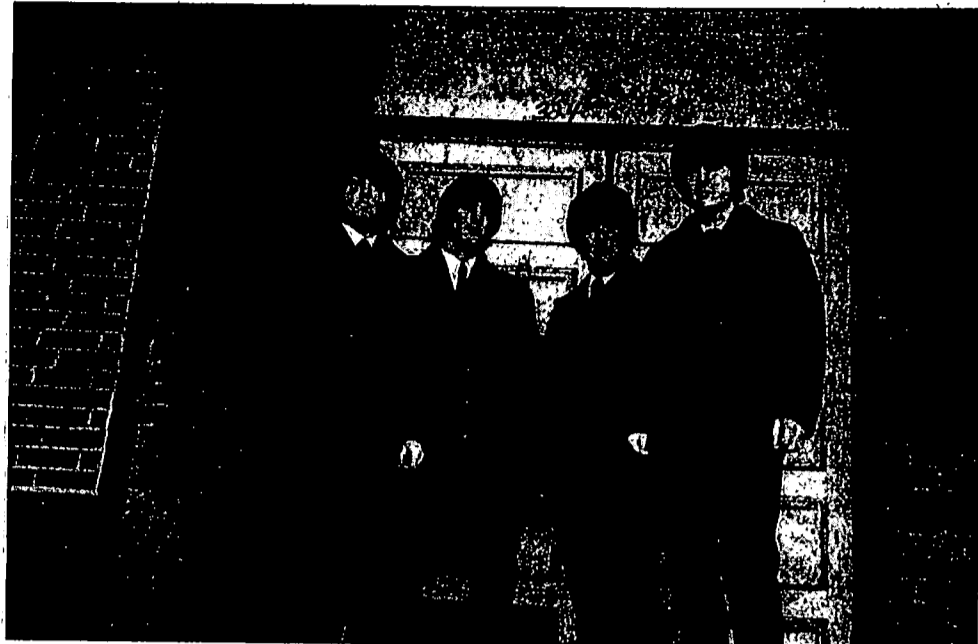
Admission is \$25, which includes the keynote lunch with Brandon in the convocation center. A registration form is available at uvawise.edu/oit/TechSymposium.

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Bands set to rock, roll Wise

Several concerts are scheduled over the next week, from a Beatles cover band to a local group of musicians. We've got you covered.



1 Who: The Return, "the only Beatles cover band endorsed by Paul McCartney"
When: Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Convocation Center
Cost: Free (pick up a ticket from Josh Justice on the third floor of the student center)



Who: Runnin' From Jezebel, a band made up of several college staff members

When: Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Convocation Center

Cost: Free (opening for The Return)

Who: Jenn Grinels, an actress and singer-songwriter originally from California

When: Monday at 9 p.m.
Where: Papa Joe's Café

Cost: Free

Who: Dave Eggar and DeOro, an Emmy nominated cello player

When: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Cantrell Hall

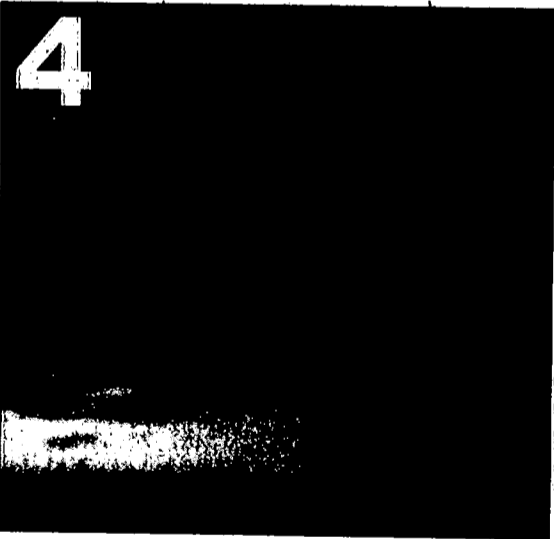
Cost: Free for students

Who: Parabelle, an alternative rock band who will be playing an acoustic show

When: Tuesday at 9:30 p.m.

Where: Chapel of All Faiths

Cost: \$5 at the door



Review: 'Footloose' doesn't disappoint

By Kari Fox
The (Ohio State University) Lantern, via UWire

Hollywood remakes are often a disappointment and can leave you feeling annoyed, but the new "Footloose" is an exception to the rule.

Ren McCormack, played by Kenny Wormald, is a Boston city boy who experiences a culture shock when he moves to small-town Belmont.

Through a run-in with the law for blasting his radio, McCormack is quickly informed about the town's peculiar law: prohibition of loud music and dancing.

A few years earlier, the town was devastated when five teenagers traveling home from a party were killed in a car accident.

The town's response was to abolish loud music and dancing in hopes of keeping the town's young people safe. The law was enforced by Rev. Shaw Moore, who lost his son in the accident.

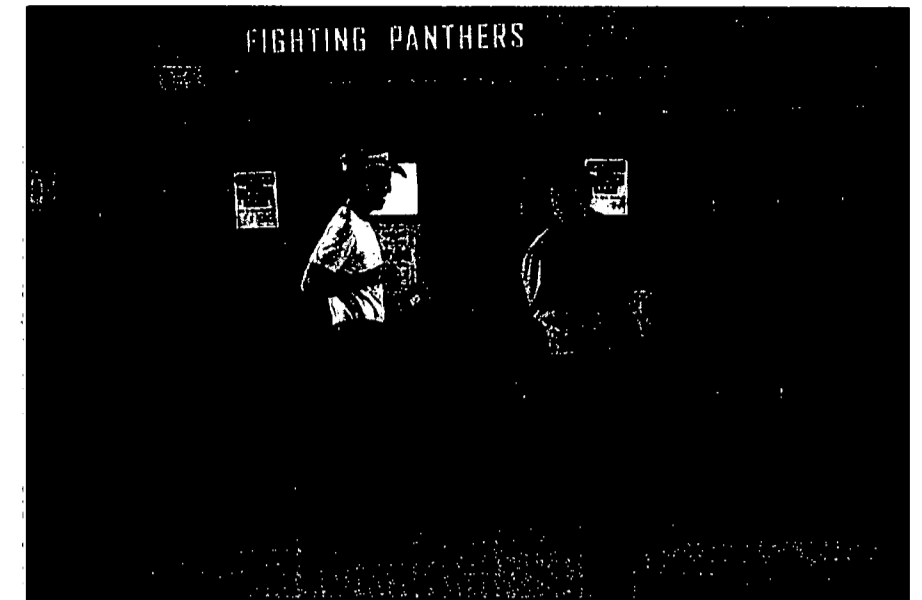
McCormack decides to take the matter into his own hands by challenging the law so anyone can dance freely "wherever and whenever they want."

Right away, the movie captures the audience's attention and makes them feel empathetic, making us forget about the slightly unlikely dramatic factor.

He makes it his goal to show the whole town that dancing is a good thing, falling in love with the reverend's spirited daughter, Ariel, along the way.

Like the original, McCormack soon finds himself standing before the city council with a Bible. He reads verses to the town about dancing as a way to express joy and happiness, stating that this is exactly what the town has been missing since the tragedy.

The movie ends happily and how you would expect, with McCormack successfully bringing Belmont back to its feet. Literally.



Kenny Wormald (right), as Ren McCormack, and Miles Teller, as Willard Hewitt, dance in "Footloose," a remake of the 1984 movie in theaters now.

Inevitably, the movie is full of cheesy moments, but it makes up for it with its charm, especially with its supporting actors: McCormack's new friend Willard, played by Miles Teller, and Uncle Wes, played by Ray McKinnon. I wasn't sure this movie would work in today's age since it's hard to picture a community so religiously strict that they outlaw music and dancing,

but surprisingly, it worked well. Wormald delivered lively dance sequences. With people from teenagers to middle-aged women commenting about his appearance throughout the movie, I expect him to be the new heartthrob. "Footloose" is a fun, exciting and humorous movie for fans that have seen the 1984 version along with those who haven't.

5 things you didn't know about Lollipops

Compiled by Hayley Galloway, online editor

1. The word "lollipop" is derived from the Dutch word "loep" (to lick) and "pop" (candy). The word "lollipop" was first used in 1880.

2. Working on homework late into the evening and early into the morning is no match for the sleep-lightening sugar of lollipops. Captain Tootsie is awaiting orders.

3. In Washington state, lollipops are banned. No state, why—maybe they figured too hard.

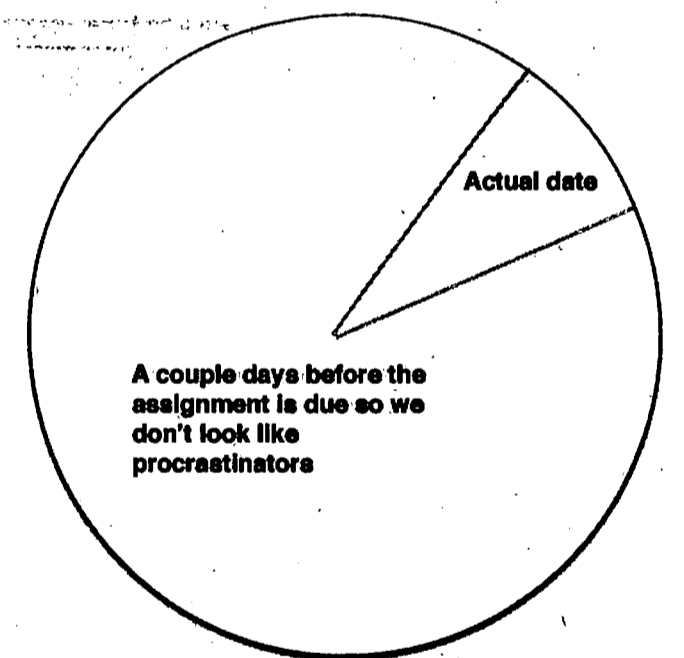
4. National Lollipop Day is July 20. Mark it on your calendar and plan ahead, folks. It's going to be a treat.

5. Lollipops were invented after a horse. A 1200-pound heavy cart was stuck on one side and who knew what to do. So they put candy on the side.

The Wise Graph

An occasional series charting life at UVA-Wise

Dates we put on assignments



Graph by Cameron Parsons, managing editor

Nursing Deadline

The deadline for the application for admission to the nursing program is Nov. 1.

Turn in applications to Kira Lawson, Administrative Assistant, in Darden Hall B023.

To pick up an application visit to <http://www.uvawise.edu/nursing/> or stop by Mrs. Lawson's office.

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Student Theatre Festival

For the past two years, the UVA-Wise theatre department has held the "Some Assembly Required" student-run theater festival during the spring semester.

It is an electric, jubilant, acidic celebration of the unifying powers of performance. We are exceedingly interested in exploring the nuances of theater and examining (perhaps, even contradicting) the nature of what constitutes the theatrical arts.

But a festival requires one essential element in its alchemy: people. Without the human ingredient, there is no theatre, no performance, no laughter, no terror, no sadness, no catharsis. The spring theatre festival needs people for it to truly blossom.

As such, we are accepting proposals for performance pieces anyone (regardless of the theatre experience) would like to put forth. For these proposals we require at least the following:

1. A short description of the piece being performed.
2. An approximate runtime for the piece.
3. An approximate cast size.
4. Any anticipated requirements for technical workers (lights, sound, movement of set pieces).
5. Any materials needed for the productions (Props, furniture, costumes).
6. Approximate needs for storage space (space is limited).
7. Anticipated or ideal amount of rehearsal time in which the theatre building space will be needed.

8. Also, for the various projects to come to glorious fruition, volunteers for actors, technicians, etc. will be greatly needed. Anyone interested in being placed into a registry of available participants for the performance pieces need to cast their lots (again, theater experience is NOT required).

Any and all inquiries need to be directed to Joe Necessary at jn3@uvawise.edu

The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 4.

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Quick Hits

► **Bratton earns player of the week honors again**

Junior defensive back and return specialist Marcus Bratton earned his second Mid-South Special Teams Player of the Week Award for his performance during the Cavs' 47-14 loss to Wofford. Bratton currently ranks second in the NAIA by averaging 29.3 yards per return. Bratton also leads the Cavs in all-purpose yards and interceptions.

Coming Soon

► **Basketball Preview**

Basketball season is almost upon us. Keep a look out for our men's and women's basketball preview.

Upcoming Games

► **Football**

The Highland Cavaliers host the University of Pikeville Bears for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff tomorrow. The game can be heard on WAXM 93.5 FM.

► **Volleyball**

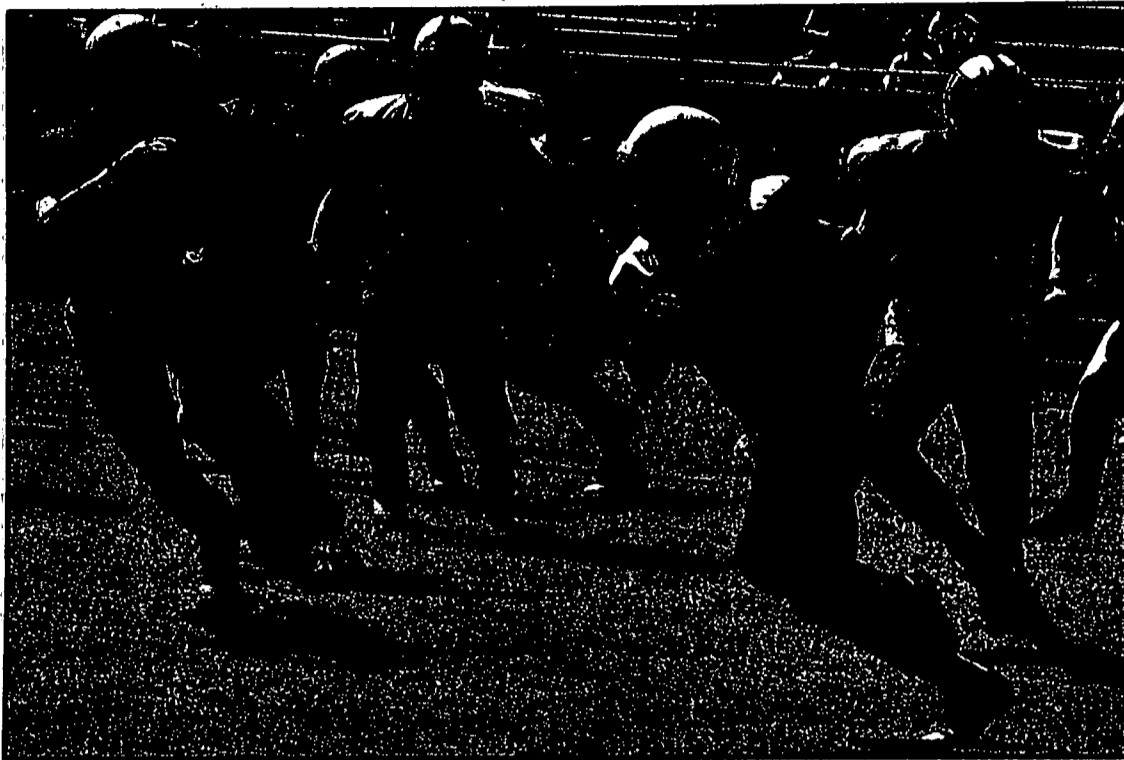
The Highland Cavalier volleyball team will host Virginia Intermont College Tuesday for a 6:30 p.m. match. The Cavs will travel to Shawnee State for 7 p.m. match on Thursday and University of Rio Grande on Friday for a 5 p.m. match.

► **Cross-Country**

The men's and women's cross-country teams will compete in the Southeastern Classic in Rome, Georgia tomorrow.

Back-to-back losses slow Cavs

Team looks to regain momentum at home



Courtesy of UVA-Wise

Junior running back Ryan Bouldin (2) looks to round the corner against the Wofford Terriers on Oct. 15. The Cavs fell 47-14 to Wofford during the game. The Cavs will host the University of Pikeville tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

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The Highland Cavaliers traveled Oct. 1 to face the Golden Bears of West Virginia Tech. In a game that saw a steady rain and missed opportunities by both teams, the Cavs pulled out a 13-0 win over the Golden Bears.

Neither team found the end zone in the first half and, until 7:47 remaining in the third quarter, they both were scoreless.

Cavs junior running back Ryan Bouldin found the end zone for a four-yard touchdown run to give Wise a 7-0 lead. Bouldin had 105 yards on the day with 24 attempts.

While the Cavs only attempted nine passes because of the wet conditions, freshman quarterback Tye Marshall was able to find sophomore wide receiver James Long for a 24-yard touchdown pass with four seconds left in the game.

The defense played well throughout the game, only allowing 170 yards of to-

tal offense. Senior defensive back Marcus Bratton had two interceptions on the day. Junior linebacker Derek Comer and freshman defensive end Zachary Fleener led the Cavs with a combined 12 tackles.

The Cavs faced Kentucky Christian at home on Oct. 8 in their opening Mid-South conference game. The game was a 21-13 loss to the Knights, breaking the perfect streak of home wins.

Two field goals by sophomore kicker Paul Melshen and a seven-yard touchdown run by sophomore running back Andre Dickerson gave the Cavs a 13-7 lead at halftime.

The Cavs seemed to have everything under control until 1:03 left in the third quarter when Kentucky Christian's quarterback, Graham Johnston, found Knight Beau Dailey for a 23-yard touchdown pass, giving the Knights a 14-13 lead.

Cav defense held on until Johnston snuck into the end zone for a touchdown.

The Cavs hoped for another comeback win with a blocked punt return by Cavs junior defensive lineman Erik Bolding in Knight territory. However, the

Cavs couldn't convert, and took a loss.

On Oct. 15, the Cavs traveled to Spartanburg, S.C. to face NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Wofford Terriers. Wofford dominated the Cavs on the ground, picking up 321 yards on 54 attempts. The Terriers scored 47 points in the first half and never looked back.

The only Cavs score in the first half was an 86-yard kick return by Marcus Bratton, who is making a convincing case for Mid-South Special Teams Player of the Year.

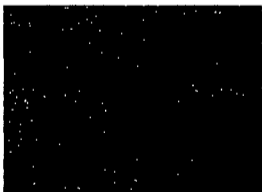
In the second half, junior quarterback Hunter Hoke found junior wide receiver Nick Leftwich for a 24-yard touchdown pass.

The second half belonged to the defense, as they held Wofford from scoring after halftime. Senior linebacker Amondre Johnson and senior defensive back Dennis Bennett combined for 14 tackles.

After losing to the Knights, the Cavs fell to 4-3 on the season.

The Cavs face the University of Pikeville at home tomorrow in a 1:30 p.m. match-up.

Team Leaders as of Oct. 19



Butler



Hilliard

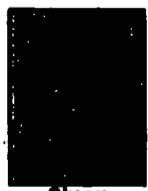


Lowe

Absences slow down runners

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The men's and women's cross-country teams competed in the Shawnee State Invitational on October 7th in Portsmouth, Ohio.



Skeen

Sophomore Tyler Morris was absent due to a calf injury, so the men's team didn't have enough runners to obtain a team score, but that didn't stop the Cavs from trying.

Individually, senior Collin Skeen finished with a time of 29:26 for

24th place.

Sophomore Matt Parker continued his stellar fall season, finishing in 33rd place with a time of 30:59.

Sophomores Christian Bresnock and Landry Mullins finished with times of 32:41 and 35:44, giving them 40th and

54th place respectively.

The women's team was without three of their runners, leading them to only compete individually as well.



Butler

Senior Brittany Butler, who has led the Cavs all season, finished in 34th place with a time of 23:00.

Freshman Megan Hilliard finished with a time of 24:04 for 43rd place, continuing her solid freshman season.

Sophomore Emily Brock, returning from a quad injury, finished with a time of 26:20 for 53rd place.

Freshman Brandi Bailey finished in 75th place with a time of 37:47.

The Cavs will compete in another meet at the same course in the spring season.

Both teams are set to travel tomorrow to Rome, Ga. to compete in the Southeastern Classic.

Golf finishes fall season

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The men's golf team competed in the Mid-South Conference Fall Tournament on Oct. 6 and 7 at The Elks Country Club in McDermott, Ohio, with the team finishing eighth out of eight teams.

Sophomore Clint Lowe led the Cavs' individually with a two-day score of 160 for 33rd place.

Sophomore Chris Scott finished not far behind in 39th overall.

Junior Matt Dotson and freshman Jordan Lovelace finished 42nd and 45th overall.

Sophomore Eric Mehell rounded out the Cavs in 47th place.

The Cavs finished up the fall season by competing in the Lin-

coln Memorial University Fall Invitational in Pineville, Ky.

Lowe led the Cavs again by finishing in 11th place overall.



Lowe

He shot a blistering 69 on the second day of the tournament finishing with a two-day total of 147.

Scott finished in 78th place while Dotson finished in 79th.

Sophomore David Harvey and Lovelace brought up the end, finishing back to back in 83rd and 84th place, respectively.

Although the tournament ends the Cavs fall schedule, the team will return to the golf course in the spring.