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Talent Show

SAB will hold a talent show Nov. 7, at 9 p.m. in Centrell Hall. See *Apostrophe* in SSC for more information.

Concert

The Highland Winds will perform a Halloween themed concert on Oct. 31. The concert is set for 7:30 p.m. in the Gilliam Center for the Arts theater and admission is free.

Football

The Cavs will play their last home game of the season tomorrow against No. 4 Georgetown College at 1:30 p.m.

Weather

Friday



61°F / 36°F

Saturday



61°F / 32°F

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Study: STEM jobs earn more money

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Students who major in science, technology, engineering or mathematics fields stand to make more money than those in non-STEM fields, according to a new Georgetown University report.

The study by the university's Center on Education and the Workforce found that STEM occupations make an average entry salary of \$51,000, while non-STEM jobs earn an average of \$36,000.

The report found that 65 percent of people with bachelor's degrees in STEM occupations earn more than those with master's degrees in non-STEM occupations.

"Even people with only STEM certificates can earn more than people with

non-STEM degrees," said Andrea Porter, a spokeswoman for the center. "For instance, certificate holders in engineering earn more than associate's degree-holders in business and more than bachelor's degree-holders in education."

Even STEM majors who don't take jobs in that field stand to make more, the study found, with STEM majors earning \$500,000 more in their lifetime than non-STEM majors, regardless of the job they end up having.

The report also analyzed the workforce on a state-by-state level, finding that 68 percent of STEM jobs in Virginia in 2018 will likely be in computer occupations.

That should be welcome news at UVA-Wise, which bills itself as having the state's only undergraduate degree in software engineering. The increase in demand for com-

puter science jobs makes sense to Robert Hatch, an assistant professor of computer science.

"If you look at where we are as a society, technology is everywhere," Hatch said. "We have computers, in our cars, our phones are computers and there's a constant evolution of what we can do online."

With new types of technology invented every day, the industry will more and more demand people to maintain the infrastructure "as well as those who can envision new uses of technology that haven't been previously thought of," he said.

That anticipated higher income and job availability "was a big factor" for choosing a major, said senior computer science major Jacob Atkins.

"You get into it because of the interest, but the money's a plus," he said.

Scholar speaks on campus



Jordan Fifer | The Highland Cavalier

Stanley Fish delivers a lecture in the convocation center Thursday evening. About 200 people came to hear him speak.

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Theorist and scholar Stanley Fish spoke to a packed convocation center Thursday night, telling the audience that the value of a liberal arts education lies not necessarily in the subjects learned but in the study itself.

"If liberal education is a commodity, the value of which is not recognized by its target consumers — namely students and their parents — how can it be sold?" Fish asked. "The challenge being hurled at colleges in the humanities is: what are you worth?"

Fish, a professor of law at Florida International University in Miami, is the author of a dozen books on academic freedom and political discourse. His work has appeared in newspapers and journals across the country.

His presentation, sponsored by the Colgate Darden Endowed Lecture Series, was the first academic lecture in the new convocation center and drew about 200 people to hear the author speak.

Fish's trademark dry sarcasm came through several times during the lecture; notably when several students left the speech about a half hour after it started.

"Those of you who are leaving are making a big mistake," he said.

Fish later challenged academics who suggest that a liberal arts diploma makes people better able to contribute to society.

"If this were true, the members of departments of philosophy and English would all be saints," Fish said dryly. "And let me tell you a secret, they are not. In fact, academics are among the most vile, self-serving, narcissistic people I have ever met in all my life."

The author read from poems by George Herbert and derided leaders who place the value of a liberal arts education in the leadership skills it teaches students.

"How? By reading Shakespeare and Herbert, you'll become a leader?" Fish said. "I don't think so."

Obama announces loan debt changes

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President Obama announced an initiative Wednesday that would reduce monthly payments for more than 1.6 million borrowers who currently owe money on federal student loans.

The biggest chunk of his plan will accelerate a measure passed by Congress that lowers required monthly payments on federal student loans from 15 percent of discretionary income annually to 10 percent. Through an executive order, Obama will move implementation of that provision up to 2012 from 2014.

The plan will also allow borrowers to be forgiven of debt after 20 years, rather than 25.

Obama trumpeted his plan Wednesday at the University of Colorado in Denver, where he told a crowd of students that he and his wife, Michelle, took nearly a decade to pay off more than \$120,000 in debt from law school. He said they worked to pay off loans while also saving money for their daughters' college educations.

"I've been in your shoes," the president said. "We did not come from a wealthy family."

Obama's speech came just as the College Board released findings that show average in-state tuition and fees at four-year public colleges rose 8.3

percent over last year. At UVA-Wise, the average full-time student living on campus saw a 6.9 percent increase in tuition and fees this year, according to a recent report by the State Council of Higher Education.

The plan also came two weeks after the Federal Reserve announced that students took out a record \$100 billion in federal and private student loans last year.

At UVA-Wise, the average federal student loan debt for students who graduated between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010 was \$13,685, said Bill Wendle, the college's director of financial aid. About 900 students had federal loans processed last year.

More than 23 million borrowers have \$490 billion in loans under the Federal Family Education Loan Program, the second-largest of the federal student loan programs.

About 11.5 million students received \$102.2 billion in direct loans from the government last year.

Obama said it's that far-reaching impact that makes his plan all the more important.

"In a global economy, putting a college education within reach for every American has never been more important," Obama said at the Colorado speech. "But it's also never been more expensive. That's why today we're taking steps to help."

News Briefs

New meal exchange start time to continue

The expanded meal exchange availability at Coyote Jack's and Mondo Subs will continue at least until January, officials said.

Workers have been testing whether the two dining areas could support meal exchange as early as noon rather than 1 p.m.

"We are finding that the extended meal exchange time... is really helping the students who have tight schedules," said Brett Lawson, director of campus dining services.

Lawson said the move has also reduced customer wait times.

"We are reviewing sales figures to see what kind of financial impact it has made," he said.

The earlier start time will continue through the semester, Lawson said, and officials will reevaluate the move in January.

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Food recall doesn't affect school

The cantaloupe served in Smith Dining Commons is not a part of the recall that has expanded to more than seven states, according to officials with Chartwells, the company that provides dining services on campus.

The multi-state recall came after at least 18 people died and more than 100 were sickened from melon contaminated with listeria. But the fruit served in the Caf does not come from the companies affected by the recall, said Brett Lawson, director of campus dining services.

"Chartwells has confirmed with all their units that our cantaloupe supply is not affected by the recalls," Lawson said.

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Highland Winds plans Halloween concert

The Highland Winds are set to perform a Halloween-themed concert Monday evening, department officials announced.

The program will include Bach's "Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor," Mussorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain" and "other equally spine tingling works," according to a college news release.

The band will dress in costume, and audience members are encouraged to as well.

The free concert is set for 7:30 p.m. in the Gilliam Center for the Arts theater.

Although admission is free, donations will be accepted and will be donated to the Collegiate Music Educators organization.

For more information, contact Richard Galylean, director of bands, at 328-0235 or at bands@uvawise.edu.

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EMS takes 2 from McCraray

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Two people were taken to the hospital from McCraray Hall over the weekend — one, a student with probable alcohol poisoning, and the other, a visitor with a serious medical condition, police said.

Campus police officers Kevin Yates and Mike Mullins responded to the freshman residence hall shortly after 1:30 a.m. on Oct. 22 after being called about an unresponsive person in a stairwell, according to a report written by Yates.

The officers, a resident adviser and a residence life community coordinator found a 17-year-old male visitor slumped down in the third floor stairwell of the women's side

of the building, Yates wrote.

The teen had vomited in two places but was breathing normally, the officer said. The teen was responsive but incoherent, Yates said.

The officer wrote that he didn't smell alcohol, and a resident adviser said the boy was seen about 45 minutes earlier apparently not under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Yates radioed for an ambulance "fearing some form of illness (i.e. diabetic shock) that may be causing his current state," the officer wrote.

The teen was taken to Norton Community Hospital. It was not immediately clear what caused his symptoms.

While investigating the ill visitor, the officers also found a "severely intoxicated" freshman, Yates said. The 18-year-old woman was

found lying unresponsive on the floor of a third floor room.

The woman smelled heavily of alcohol and awoke only when shaken, Yates said. She vomited and "was unable to support herself."

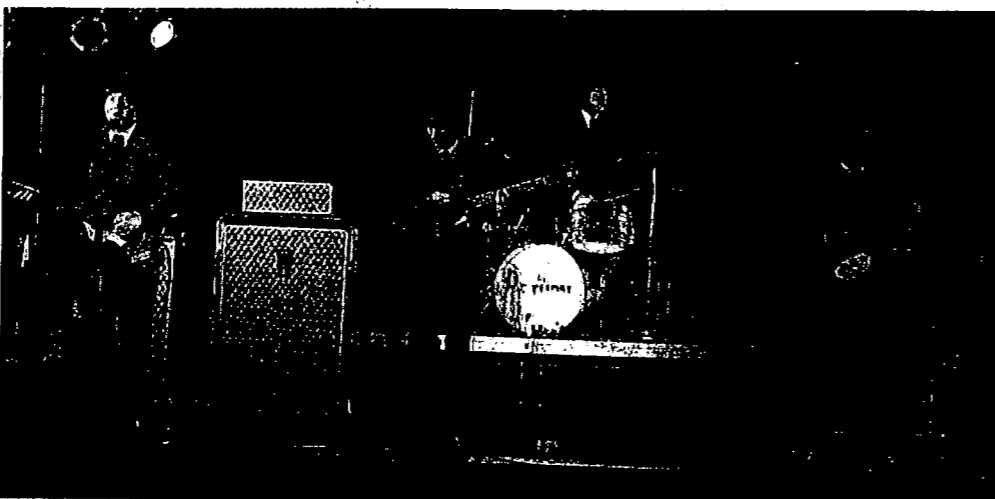
The freshman told Yates she "drank way too f---ing much" vodka and beer, the officer wrote.

He radioed for another ambulance to take the woman to Norton Community Hospital after determining that she was "in no way able to care for herself for the night."

Yates wrote that he later found an empty 1/2-gallon bottle of vodka and "numerous" beer cans lying on the woman's floor.

She was charged with underage possession of alcohol and has a Dec. 5 hearing scheduled in Wise County District Court.

Review: Beatles tribute a great show



Jordan Fifer/The Highland Cavalier

The Return, a Beatles tribute band, performs in the new convocation center on Oct. 22. The group attracted a crowd of 1,100 people and drew rave reviews.

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Anyone who didn't attend The Beatles tribute band The Return in the convocation center really missed out.

In fact, many critics and fans agree that The Return is one of the best Beatles tribute bands in the country — if not the best — and they deserve that distinction.

Walking into the convocation center Saturday night was something akin to stepping into a time machine where the audience was treated to not one, but two trips into the past.

The first half of the show featured the famous black suits worn by the Fab Four in the early years, and songs like "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "A Hard Day's Night" and "I Saw Her Standing There."

The second half of the show

was dedicated to years 1967-70, and featured the groovy outfits worn on the cover of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band." Songs included "With a Little Help from My Friends," "Here Comes the Sun" and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps."

The audience was comprised of longtime Beatles fans and young people alike. Some came out of curiosity.

"I was too busy working and raising a family to get to see The Beatles," said Wise resident Jim Dotson. "So I've come to see what I missed. These guys are great."

Some, like David Still, of Pound, couldn't wait for the show. "I've been talking about this for a week," he said.

Not only did The Return perform eerily exacting renditions, but their close attention to small details lent to an almost surreal experience for onlookers.

For almost 17 years, the band has been collecting vintage and re-issued instruments in their quest to "become" The Beatles.

The group now travels with at least 14 different guitars in an effort to reproduce specific songs from certain times.

"We're not complete yet," said Shane Landers, the Paul McCartney of the group. "We're always watching ourselves and listening for ways to make improvements."

The concert drew about 1,100 people to the new building, according to officials with the Kiwanis Club of Wise, the show's largest sponsor.

"We're very pleased with the turnout," said Carroll Mullins, a Kiwanis member who also teaches a summer class at UVA-Wise on The Beatles. "We just wish a few more students could have seen it. After all, without The Beatles, what would we have today?"

Facebook may not hurt grades
Study: little correlation between online time, GPA

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No, Facebook is not ruining your grades. In fact, it might be helping them.

That, at least, is the finding of a study published in the October issue of Computers in Human Behavior, which reviewed more than 1,800 college students' grades and survey responses about their Facebook use.

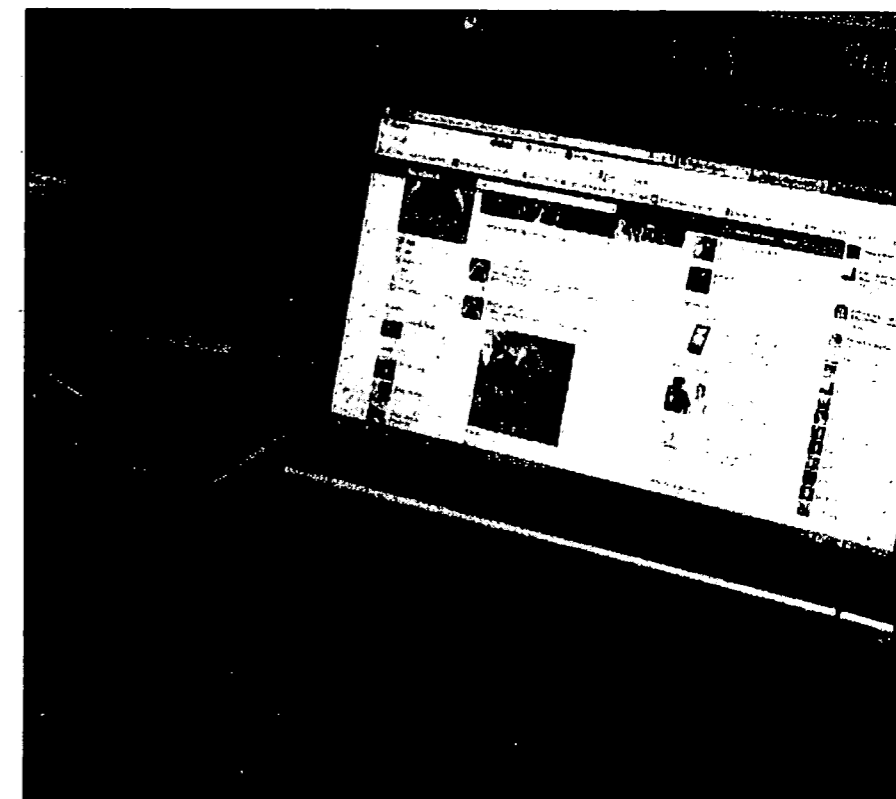
"While the relationship between time spent on Facebook and grades is negative, the real-world impact of said relationship does not seem to be a major detriment to academic success," said Reynol Junco, a professor at Lock Haven University in Penn., and the report's author. "In other words, there may be other variables that are more strongly related to overall GPA and time spent preparing for class that should be the focus of examination and intervention, instead of student use of Facebook."

The study found that the students used Facebook an average of 106 minutes each day, and that each increase of about an hour and a half beyond that average correlated with a GPA decrease of .12 points.

That drop was statistically significant in the study, but not necessarily applicable to a real-world situation, Junco said.

"You have to spend an inordinate amount of time on Facebook for it to be related to GPA in a way that is shocking," Junco told Mashable.com, a social media and technology website.

Perhaps the most interesting finding of the study was that certain activities were positively related to student Facebook use, page 5



A new study suggests that students who use Facebook regularly do not see as much of a grade point drop as one might think.

5 things you didn't know about

HALLOWEEN

Compiled by Jordan Fifer, Editor-in-Chief

1. Eating candy is the only thing that scares people across the country, with a slight suspension on Halloween, proving that kids can't be trusted to do anything, ever.

2. Eating Peanut M&M's is a healthier alternative to the regular variety. Well, not really, but keep telling yourself that.

3. The word pumpkin originates from the word "papon," the Greek for "large melon." This, incidentally, is not a good pickup line.

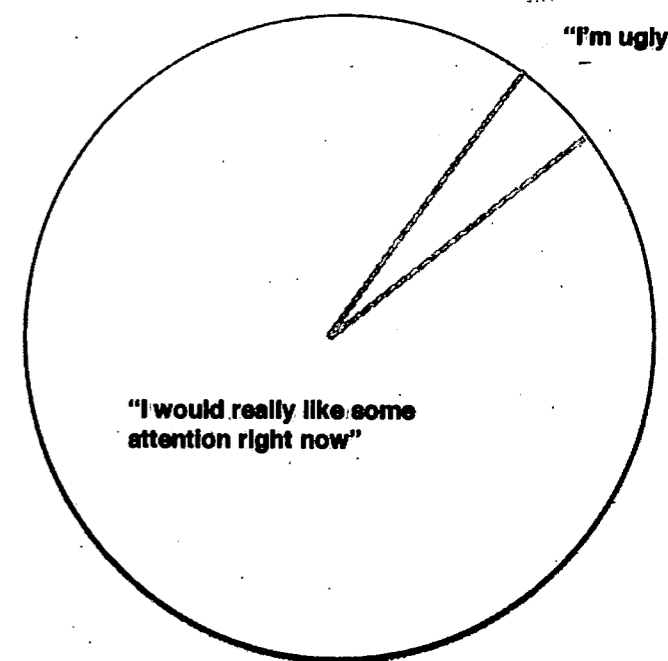
4. It's a proven fact: none of the "Saw" movies were good.

5. In 2008, Americans spent \$4.98 billion on Halloween costumes, candy and decoration. Out complaining that you don't have enough money, OK?

The Wise Graph

An occasional series charting life at UVA-Wise

What a girl means when she says "I'm ugly"



Graph by Cameron Parsons, managing editor

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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 theatrical 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.

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 jn31@uvawise.edu

The deadline for submissions is Friday, November 4.

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Quick Hits

Johnson earns Mid-South Player of the week

Senior linebacker Amondre Johnson earned his first Defensive Mid-South Player of the Week award in the 56-14 win over Pikeville. Johnson recorded a season high 17 tackles in the win. Johnson also picked off a pair of passes and forced a fumble.

Basketball Preview

Basketball season is almost upon us. Keep a look out for our men's and women's basketball preview. The boys open the season Nov. 4 and 5 with the Cavalier Classic.

Upcoming Games

Football

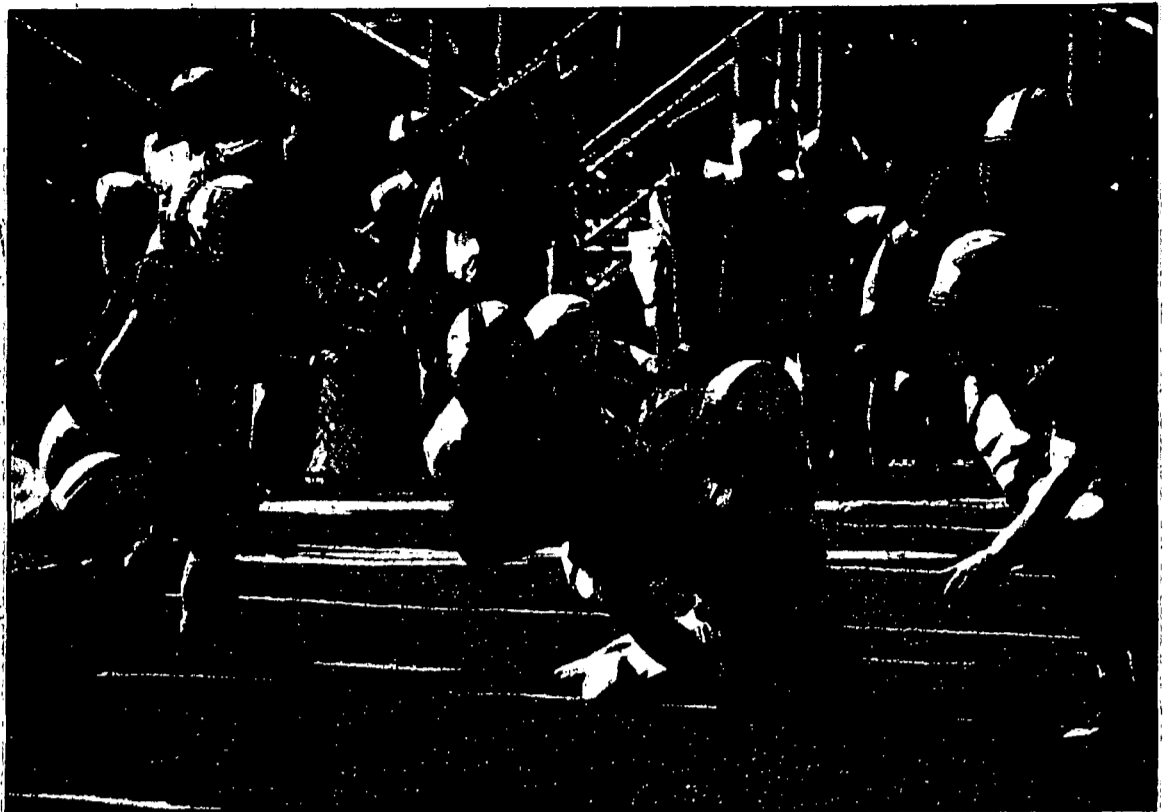
The Highland Cavaliers host No. 4 Georgetown College Tigers for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff tomorrow. The game can be heard on WAXM 93.5 FM.

Volleyball

The Highland Cavalier volleyball team will travel tonight to the University of Rio Grande for a 5 p.m. match. The Cavs will travel Monday to Bluefield College for a 6:30 p.m. match and return home on Tuesday for their final regular season match against West Virginia Tech at 6 p.m.

Cross-Country

The men's and women's cross-country teams will compete in the Mid-South Conference Meet on Nov. 5 in Portsmouth, Ohio.



Jordan Hifer/The Highland Cavalier

Senior linebacker Amondre Johnson (36) makes the diving tackle on Bears running back (26) Marquis Terrell Oct. 22 against Pikeville. Sophomore Skylar DeJesus (27), senior Lonell Parker Jr. (21) and freshman Jerimah Cooke (57) surround the runner. The Cavs won 56-14 over Pikeville.

Defense wins championships

Cavs force 7 turnovers in 56-14 win over Bears

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The Oct. 22 game between the Pikeville Bears and the Highland Cavaliers looked like it would shape up to be a slow game — both teams were at a standstill for almost 10 minutes.

Bears quarterback, junior Trevor Hoskins, soon found senior wide receiver Bobby Owens for a 12-yard touchdown pass, setting the game in motion.

The Cavs hit back with a two-yard run by junior running back Ryan Bouldin, but a botched extra point attempt by sophomore kicker Paul Melshen gave the Bears a one-point lead.

The next drive by the Bears ended with a forced fumble by senior linebacker Amondre Johnson that sophomore linebacker Chris DeJanette picked up for a 20-yard recovery touchdown.

It was the first of seven turnovers forced by the Cavs defense.

Before the end of the first quarter, senior running back Stewart Robertson found several holes in route to a 23-yard touchdown run, giving the Cavs a 20-7 lead by the whistle.

"We had the linebackers streamed out so I cut it back inside and found the end zone," Robertson said.

The second quarter saw a 30-yard touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Tye Marshall to sophomore wide receiver Michel Steele on the Cavs' third drive, after forcing two fumbles.

Sophomore linebacker Amondre Johnson picked off a Bears pass, which set up a four-yard touchdown run by Robertson.

That score gave the Cavs a 33-7 lead before the half.

The Bears marched down the field with several quick passes by Hoskins and a big run by freshman running back Marquis Terrell.

Pikeville made it inside the Cavs' 10 yard line when Johnson picked off another Hoskins pass.

Johnson, the Mid-South Player of the Week, finished the day with season-high 17 tackles, two interceptions and one forced fumble.

"The first pick, I tipped it, went to grab it and came down with it and the second pick the guy threw the ball right at me," said Johnson.

A 37-yard field goal by freshman kicker Tyler Graham gave the Cavs a surprising 36-7 halftime lead. Pikeville has one of the country's best offenses.

The second half opened up with the Bears trying an onside kick that went out of bounds. The team also ran two successful fake punts.

Bears sophomore defensive back Josh Sammons picked off a Tye Marshall pass on the Cavs' second drive. The Cavs answered with a 60-yard interception return by sophomore defensive back Vernon Payne.

It was Hoskins' third thrown interception on the day.

Hoskins moved the Bears offense down the field once again on their next

drive and ended it with an interception. Cavs senior defensive back Lonell Parker Jr. returned the interception 48 yards to give the Cavs a 50-7 lead with 6:22 left in the third quarter.

Defensive coordinator Justin Hamilton, excited at his defense's effort, said "the guys came out prepared and executed extremely well, which forced several key turnovers."

The Cavs scored a total of 53 unanswered points after a field goal by Graham at the end of the third quarter.

Pikeville finally got back on the scoreboard with a 70-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback freshman Jared Harris to freshman wide receiver K'Wayne Hunter.

It was the Bears' first score since 5:19 of the first quarter.

The Cavs ran the ball most of the fourth quarter and produced two 100-yard rushers on the day with Robertson and Dickerson combining for 255 yards on the ground.

The Highland Cavaliers used their losing game against the Wofford Terriers last Oct. 15 as a learning experience, which payed off in the 56-14 win over Pikeville.

"I had four or five kids walk up to me during the game and say 'Coach, last Saturday got me ready for today,'" said head coach Dewey Lusk. "That was the whole idea of the trip."

The Highland Cavaliers host Georgetown College tomorrow for Senior Day, in a 1:30 p.m. kickoff.

Georgetown hasn't beaten the Cavs at home since 2005.

Games of the Week

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New England Patriots @ Pittsburgh Steelers

On Sunday, two AFC behemoths will face off in the Steel City.

If the playoffs started this weekend, these teams would possess the top two seeds in the conference.

New England is coming off its bye week, but prior to that they beat Dallas. Pittsburgh is coming off a victory in Arizona.

Offensively, New England will look for another stellar performance from Tom Brady.

He will find comfort in distributing the ball to receiver Wes Welker and tight ends Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez.

The Patriots' defense has the NFL's second leading interceptor in cornerback Kyle Arrington. He has had an interception in two road games.

Ben Roethlisberger looks to lead a Steelers' offense, which has receivers Mike Wallace and Emmanuel Sanders.

They must make sure the New England secondary is exploited at every point of the school.

Pittsburgh's defense will play aggressive schemes bent on getting Brady. Leading the charge will be the sack master Lamar Woodley.

Safety Troy Polomalu will patrol the Steeler secondary, making it difficult for Brady to throw down field.

Pittsburgh leads the all-time series 14-11. The Patriots won last season's match 39-26 on the road.

CBS's Jim Nantz and Phil Simms will call the action live from Heinz Field at 4:16 p.m.

Dallas Cowboys @ Philadelphia Eagles

A critical NFC East match-up is set for Sunday night in The City of Brotherly Love.

Philadelphia looks to regain its title as the division's powerhouse after a slow start, while Dallas hopes to jump into the top pole position in the East.

The Cowboys come into Sunday night's clash after dismantling St. Louis at home. Before their bye week, the Eagles won in Washington.

The often criticized Tony Romo will direct a talented Dallas offense, which includes receivers Miles Austin and Dez Bryant. Rookie running back Demarco Murray will attempt to improve on last week's 263 yard rushing performance.

On defense, pass rusher Demarcus Ware's main objective will be to make

Eagles' quarterback Michael Vick uncomfortable every time he drops back.

Philadelphia's Vick has an assortment of weapons to move the ball down the field. Running back LeSean McCoy will have to be accounted for in rushing and receiving. Receivers DeSean Jackson and Jeremy Maclin can stretch the field and are lethal deep threats.

Pass rush will be huge for the Eagles on defense. The trio of Jason Babin, Trent Cole and Cullen Jenkins has 15 of the team's 18 sacks.

Dallas commands the series 56-37. The Cowboys won the 2010 season finale 14-13 in Philly.

NBC's Al Michaels and Cris Collinsworth will be live for Lincoln Financial Field at 8:20 p.m.