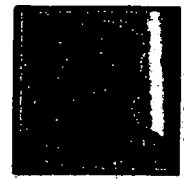
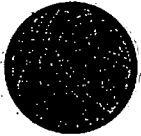


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Study: suicide top student killer

By Abby Meredith
The (University of Virginia) Cavalier Daily, via UWire

The leading cause of mortality in college students is suicide, a University of Virginia researcher found in a study released Nov. 2.

Alcohol-related incidents were the second major cause of death among students.

James Turner, executive director of the Elson Student Health Center at UVa, conducted the study by collecting data from 157 four-year institutions across the nation.

Turner studied the mortality

rates among students between the ages of 18 and 24.

He found that six in every 100,000 students committed suicide, while fewer than five in 100,000 students died from alcohol-related incidents.

"The thing that surprises everyone is that suicide is the most common cause of death among college students," Turner said.

Still, the rate of suicide was 47 percent lower among college students than among the general population of 18- to 24-year-olds, Turner said.

Similarly, alcohol-related deaths were 60 to 76 percent

lower among college students as compared to the same general population.

"Clearly there's something happening on college campuses preventing suicide," he said. "This is all speculative on my part, but I do know that we've set up very elaborate and effective counseling and medical help, which perhaps allow us to intervene to prevent some of these tragedies."

The study found that schools in rural areas have more alcohol-related vehicular deaths than schools in urban areas.

Males also had a higher rate of suicide than females, which

Turner attributed to the higher rate of suicide among men in general.

No differences were found between races in either alcohol-related deaths or suicides.

Turner said he hopes his research will help establish a baseline for future studies of college mortality.

He also wants to call attention to the importance of detecting and intervening in cases of major depression, even though media tends to focus on alcohol-related deaths among college students.



Study finds no "fresh 15"

By Julie Stoddard
The (Brigham Young University) Daily Universe, via UWIRE

Despite repeated warnings about packing on the dreaded "freshman 15" and rising obesity rates in the United States, a recent study says most college students do not gain 15 pounds in their first year.

"The 'freshman 15' is a myth," said Ohio State University research scientist Jay Zagorsky, co-author of the study that is believed to be the first nationwide look at the purported phenomenon. "There is no 'freshman 15.'"

His research, to be published in the December issue of the journal *Social Science Quarterly*, found the average student gains between 2.4 and 3.5 pounds freshman year.

For women, the average weight gain was 3.1 pounds, while men gained an average of 3.5 pounds.

All-you-can-eat cafeterias, high-calories drinks and a lack of time to spend at the gym all contribute to these few extra pounds.

However, the research found that most students don't even gain 15 pounds during four years of college. Women gained an average 8.9 pounds over four years of college, while men gained an average 13.4 pounds.

The study found the average freshman gains less than a pound more than someone the same age who didn't go to college.

Just under 10 percent of college freshmen do gain 15 pounds or more; 25 percent of freshmen lost weight, and the average person gained 1.5 pounds a year in each of the first four years after college, the study found.

The survey was conducted for the U.S. Department of Labor by the Ohio State's Center for Human Resource Research.

Pot charges head to grand jury

By Jordan Fifer
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Two former students alleged to have shipped \$16,000 worth of marijuana to Wise will have their cases heard by the county's December grand jury.

Police charged Yussiff N. Thulla, 25, and Henry D. Holmes Jr., 22, with conspiracy and possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, both felonies, after they said the men worked together to ship the drugs to Wise in bags of Lay's wavy original potato chips.

The pair were in Wise County General District Court on Nov. 2 for a preliminary hearing, court records show.

A judge found probable cause to certify their charges to the grand jury, which will determine if there is enough evidence for the case to go to trial.

Thulla and Holmes were arrested June 16 outside the Norton post office after a Roanoke-based police drug sniffer sniffed out marijuana in a package later retrieved by Thulla, police have said.

The package was discovered in Roanoke the day before, after the Norton postmaster alerted postal inspectors to a series of suspicious packages that had been picked up by students from the UVa-Wise between January and April, according to a search warrant filed in June in U.S. District Court.

Based on that tip, a Roanoke-based postal inspector recognized the mailing address on the package during a routine search when the box passed through Roanoke in June, according to the warrant.



Courtesy of the Wise Police Department

Police seized nearly \$6,000 dollars in cash and \$16,000 worth of marijuana that they said was shipped in bags of Lay's wavy chips.

He asked a Roanoke Police Department K-9 handler to have his dog sniff the box.

Thulla later picked the package up after officers brought it to the Norton post office, records show.

Holmes, who had driven Thulla to the post office, had \$3,700 in cash in a shoe box in his trunk as well as more marijuana and documents show-

ing money transfers for the drugs, investigators said. Holmes had \$1,900 in cash on his person.

Officers searched Holmes' mobile home in Wise and found more marijuana, police said.

Police said at the time that up to 35 pounds of marijuana had been shipped to Wise between January and June using similar techniques.

News Briefs

Speaker paid \$10K for lecture

The college paid author and scholar Stanley Fish \$10,000 to speak on campus on Oct. 27, officials said.

The money came primarily from the Colgate Darden Endowed Lecture Series fund, funds set aside specifically for that type of big-name lecture, said Provost Sandy Huguenin.

About 200 people came to hear Fish speak on the value of a liberal arts education. The lecture was the first academic event to be held in the new convocation center.

Huguenin said he hopes to use the fund to draw a well-known speaker to campus each year.

College enrollment climbs

Fall enrollment at UVA-Wise rose 3.9 percent this year over last, according to data provided by the college.

The school had 2,067 students registered at the beginning of the 2011-2012 academic year, the numbers show. That figure is up from the 1,990 enrolled in the 2010-2011 year.

The last time UVA-Wise saw more than 2,000 students enrolled was 2009, when 2,015 people registered.

VOGA endows scholarship

A new scholarship will aid students who work in the oil and gas industry, college officials said.

The Virginia Oil and Gas Association funded the scholarship, which will also go to students who are dependents of those who work in the industry, according to a college news release.

"We wanted to give back to the people of Southwest Virginia," VOGA member Lawton Mullins said. "Endowing a scholarship for deserving UVA-Wise students whose families work hard to meet Virginia's energy needs seemed appropriate."

The news release did not say how large the initial endowment would be.

The SSC is alive with the sound of jazz



Hayley Galloway/The Highland Cavalier

The UVA-Wise Jazz ensemble performs their Campaign Celebration on Monday in the atrium of the Slemp Student Center.

SGA hosts canned food drive

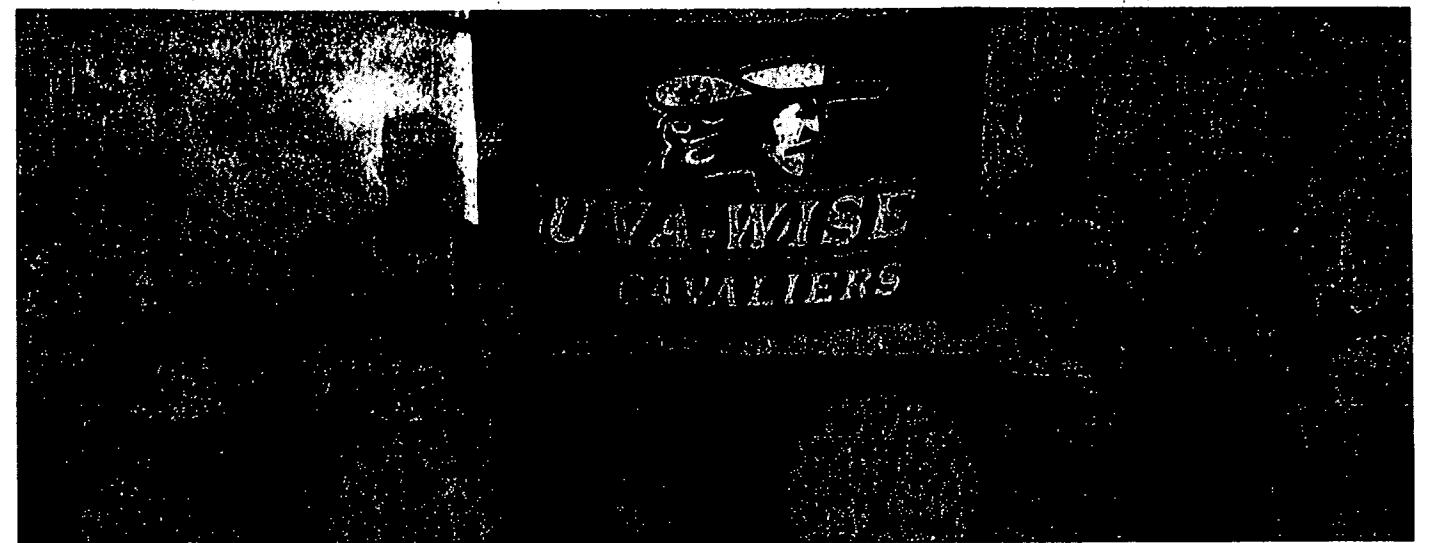
The Student Government Association is sponsoring a canned food drive to benefit the Homeless Shelter and Hope House in Norton, which are in urgent need of donations. The drive will run from Nov. 8-17.

Participants will be entered to win a \$50, \$25 or \$15 bookstore gift card. Each donated item will give you one chance to win one of the three gift cards, or two chances per canned item from the Homeless Shelter.

Prizes can be given to participants on the third floor of the Slemp Student Center, Room 303. For more information, contact SGA Vice President Luke Phelan at gva@uvawise.edu or SGA President Justin Lee at jlvjoe@uvawise.edu.

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Letters from war: life as a warrior-student



Courtesy of Michael Hartmann

Junior Michael Hartmann (second from left), a student at UVA-Wise, is currently on active military duty in Iraq. Hartmann is among at least five other students from the college on active duty.

Junior Michael Hartmann is one of six UVA-Wise students currently deployed in the military and based out of An Nasriyah, Iraq. In this occasional column, Hartmann, writes about life at war and his experiences abroad.

Command).

We entered our theater of operation a month later and began our mission.

There are six active students on deployment from the college. Spc. Nick Stapleton and Spc. Tyler Carroll have been leaders in their respective platoons and were just recently awarded with early promotions for their work. Pfc. Ethan Brinkley has been a rock of consistency out here, and someone everyone in the company has learned to depend on. Pfc. Keith Linville has set the standard with his unmatched with his work ethic. Sgt. Harrison Newton has been chosen to the prestigious position to lead the scout element in his convoy escort team and has excelled in

this position. He was recently injured on a mission and was medevaced to Germany, though he's now in good health and stateside.

The extent of the college's influence has been amazing, even thousands of miles away from the institution.

There are soldiers in an upper echelon of our leadership who are alumni from the college who still proudly represent the college and make us feel like family.

For all the drastic adversities we have endured, I believe we will come out of this as stronger people.

We received an opportunity to sacrifice for the things we love and have become better evolved and well-rounded. These ideals are something

we learned to strive for coming out of our prestigious liberal arts school.

Last week the sorrow of war hit home for some in the community, with the passing of an outstanding citizen and father. He was a great mentor for us and it is a huge blow to our unit. Our condolences go out to all his family and friends.

Lastly, we all just wanted to thank everyone back at school for all the support for us out here.

There were a lot of tough moments when your support through letters and care packages really carried us through.

It has really made a world of difference and our gratitude can not be expressed enough.

5 things students think about during lectures

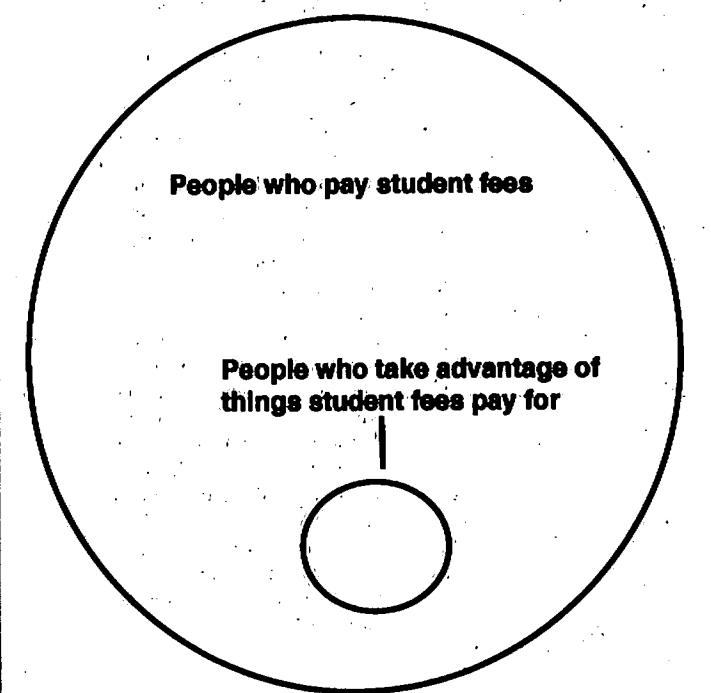
Compiled by Todd Gaylean, opinion editor

1. "Rachel Ray, Ben Affleck and Mark Zuckerberg did not finish college and are rich and famous. I can cook. I was in my church's Christmas play and I use Facebook every day. Where do I go to drop out?"
2. "Doodling instead of taking notes will surely lead me to a career as a cartoonist. Won't it?"
3. "Did that guy/ girl just check me out? Pretty sure they did. I'm adding someone on Facebook after class."
4. "Did I leave the iron on? Wait, I don't have an iron. Well, maybe I should leave class and go check anyway."
5. "Pretty sure my professor wore that outfit last class and the class before, though that meal still stinks."

The Wise Graph

An occasional series charting life at UVA-Wise

Student fees



Graph by Jordan Fifer, Editor-in-Chief

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THE HIGHLAND CAVALIER Correction

Michael McNulty directs "Yerma," while Michael Hunt directs "Woyzeck." A Nov. 4 story about the theater productions listed their roles incorrectly.

Topic: "The Future of Lunar Science"
 \$200 Prize



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SOLs for higher education?

Submitted by Dr. Michael Hill

You have to begin with the numbers. The total cost for higher education in the United States is around \$3.5 to \$4 TRILLION dollars — yep, trillion. Basically, this money comes from four sources.

Student fees and tuition makes up about \$1 trillion. In case you have not noticed, this proportion has been increasing over the last few years, but it still is in the 1/3 to 1/4 of all monies category. The prime reason tuition has increased is that states have slashed their support. While traditionally a source of about \$1 trillion, this number has decreased as politicians have discovered little political cost to reducing support for higher education. Thus, California has not only decreased support, they have raised state

fees. Virginia has simply decreased support.

Various donors, institutions, and foundations have historically provided \$500 billion and up across all colleges and universities. UVA-Wise had a record year last year, but it pales in comparison to the support shown to the Harvards and Stanfords of the world.

Finally, the federal government provides about \$1 trillion. While direct support from the Department of Education is modest, programs like Pell Grants, and sources like NASA, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy put vast sums into research and personnel support.

It is from the monies laid out by the federal and the state governments that the push for greater account-

ability is being seen. Freedom of Information Act suits have led Texas and Florida to publish the salaries of all higher education personnel, along with their class load, student per class counts and the amount of support they have garnered. No distinction is made in terms of research or teaching focus in the money obtained category. The expectation is that grant work is part of all faculty work. In addition, colleges are being asked to certify the number of graduates finding employment in their chosen field, along with the total number finding employment upon graduation.

Some in Congress have pushed for federal support only to those programs having an applied focus that can lead to direct employment — so much for the arts! Still others are questioning the value of what students

are being taught. Business has been busy decrying the poor skill levels of college grads, much as they decry the awful skill level of high school graduates. A focus on both what is being taught and how it is taught is a small step, as some in Congress have already called for hearings. All of this is done under the umbrella of accountability, to assure the public that its money is being spent wisely.

SOLs were the outcome of a push for accountability in monies spent. Higher education cannot assume that it will not happen to them. Money is power. If we do not want an external accountability system imposed, then we must develop our own rubrics of effectiveness and efficiency.

Hill is an adjunct professor of social science

Submitted by Jared Taylor

On Oct. 28, "The Highland Cavalier" published an editorial claiming that the positions held by my organization, the New Century Foundation, are "ignorant" because we find racial diversity to be a weakness for the United States and not a strength. I suspect that many on the UVA-Wise campus share the Cavalier's indignation that anyone could question current orthodoxies. After all, from the President of the United States on down, we always hear that diversity is our strength—perhaps even America's greatest strength.

And yet, as of Nov. 3, there were 20 online comments to your editorial, and virtually all agreed with us rather than you. Clearly, there is a substantial point of view that is seldom heard on campus,

and I believe UVA-Wise would benefit from further discussion. I propose a public debate between myself and any faculty member on the following question: "Is diversity a strength for America?"

The affirmative position is so widely proclaimed that surely someone on campus will defend it. If my opinions are as "ignorant" as your editorial claims, they should be easy to refute. I look forward to a lively exchange. If none is forthcoming—if no one steps forward to defend orthodoxy—some may conclude that those who profess to love diversity have no stomach for the diversity that matters most: a diversity of opinions.

Taylor is president of the New Century Foundation in Oakton, Va.

Gamer to gamer

By Jimmy Dingess Staff Writer jtd7q@uvawise.edu

I write this article on the eve of one of the most anticipated days for video gamers around the world: the Call of Duty Modern Warfare 3 release.

Once the game is available, gamers must be prepared to endure the barbarism that will occur in online game play. The immaturity of online gamers on every console is well-documented on websites and is forever captured on YouTube. The hope that I harbor for the gamers that attend our college is that none of us contributes to the name-calling, racism, ignorance, bigotry, idiocy and cruelty.

I enjoy jokes as much as the next guy and I can even enjoy

them at my own expense, but there is always a limit. On the Internet, cases of cyberbullying are reaching astounding numbers. The online community for gamers seems to be a hot spot and breeding ground for these behaviors.

Entering into a lobby for a game often entails muting all those present to maintain your sanity. People act completely different online; case being, every 14-year-old on the Internet is an expert on any subject, amazing with women and has a foot-long "joystick." I am convinced that I think that these Neanderthals will be lumped together with my generation.

For the sake of America's future, do not encourage or participate in these juvenile displays on any online platform.

Campus Window 'Look ma, no hands!'



Jordan Fifer | Highland Cavalier
Cheerleaders brace to catch a flyer during the men's basketball game against Bethel University Nov. 12 in the convocation center.

It's just a T-shirt

By Todd Galyean Opinion Editor mtg7h@uvawise.edu

Most people on campus have played in, watched or at least heard about intramural sports.

For those who have not, intramurals are recreational sports that students and faculty alike can participate in, usually with three to four week seasons followed by a tournament. Every player on the winning team receives a free T-shirt.

Anyone who has attended intramural sports would, however, think the reward was life or death instead of a T-shirt. People are are too intense about these unimportant competitions.

Yes, winning is great and it is everyone's goal, but the attitudes of some ruin the true purpose of these events—a fun escape from the day-to-day grind of college.

At the games I've attended or played in, I've witnessed trash talking, extreme aggression, verbal bat-

tering of referees and "if we don't win the world is over" attitudes.

What is going on? Intramurals are supposed to be fun!

For the sake of everyone on the field, athletes should remember a few things:

- Do not trash-talk; it only leads to heated tempers on both sides.
- If you are going to be that aggressive on the intramural field, you either need therapy or a different outlet.
- Anyone who gets too angry over a ref's call needs to realize they are student refs, that this is not their full-time job and if they do mess up, let it go because you can't change the call.
- If you lose, it's not the end of the world.

Worst-case scenario, you are out of a T-shirt. Fortunately, there are plenty of retail stores around Wise where you can pick one up.

Maybe I am wrong and intramurals are bigger than I think, but until I see them televised, I'm pretty sure they aren't.

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Volleyball falls in Frankfort Women take tourney

By Hayley Galloway Online Editor hmg4v@uvawise.edu

The volleyball team opened the 2011 Mid-South Conference Tournament with a quickly fought win over the University of Pikeville, with scores of 25-14, 25-13 and 25-16. The team's win was enhanced with five athletes receiving a total of six awards.

Freshman setter Veronica Sanchez posted 29 assists to keep up with the furious net play. Senior middle hitter Mikaela Anders and junior middle hitter Robyn Dougherty each had nine kills, and senior outside hitter Megan Funk added eight kills. Freshman libero Lindsey Burke dominated the defense with 10 digs to seal the victory.

The victory continued when Anders was honored with her second consecutive Honorable Mention All Mid-South award. Throughout her career at UVA-Wise, Anders holds an impressive 1,450 kills and is one of only three Cavaliers to have more than 1,000 career kills.

Anders shared her triumph with four other Highland Cavaliers for accomplishments in the classroom. Lindsey Burke, Courtney Coe, Robyn Dougherty and Megan Funk joined Anders in

receiving the All-Academic award. To receive this award, a student-athlete must maintain a 3.25 grade point average and be a sophomore or higher. All five of these ladies are now eligible for NAIA Academic All-American honors as well.

The volleyball team's celebrations were cut short, however with a devastating loss on Nov. 5 against No. 1 opponent Lindsey Wilson. The Cavs fell in four sets with scores of 25-18, 23-25, 25-23 and 25-21.

Fellow teammates and best friends Anders and Funk once again led the offense with 25 kills combined while Sanchez handed out 20 assists. The loss officially ended the 2011 season with the Cavs record 3-8 in Mid-South play and 13-19 overall.

Third-year head coach Kendall Rainey said that the team has improved overall since the start of the season, beating their winning record from last year. Rainey has high hopes for next season. "We're going to build on the youth we have since our seniors are gone... we've got a lot of exciting freshmen," Rainey said. "We now have a solid defense and setting and will focus on our offense."

By Hayley Galloway Online Editor hmg4v@uvawise.edu

The women's basketball team started the season over the weekend with two solid wins at the Lady Hornets Classic in Sumner, S.C.

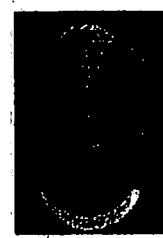
The Cavs first took on Morris College on Nov. 4 and came out victorious with a 73-47 win. Senior guard Amber Carter dominated the match with 19 points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals on the court.

New to UVA-Wise, senior forward Chelsea McNamee assisted in the victory with nine points and 10 rebounds, while junior forward Chelsea Cluesman posted 12 points and six rebounds to seal the win.

The team maintained their momentum the second day of the Classic against Voorhees College, posting a solid 57-45 win. The celebration continued when Cluesman was named the tournament's most valuable player. Cluesman said she didn't ex-

pect to be named MVP for the Classic but was honored to receive the title.

Head coach Abby Hearn said Cluesman deserved the recognition.



Cluesman

"Chelsea was steady for us to count on and really works hard," Hearn said.

With two wins under the team's belt, Hearn said she's eager to move away from last season's losses and push forward into the remainder of the season.

"We want to promise we'll do really well, but we can't," she said. "We are going to be competitive in every game and give ourselves a shot to win and stay in the game."

The Cavs will play Virginia Intermont College today at 5:30 p.m. in the first round of the Milligan Tournament, and play the host Milligan College tomorrow.

The first home game is scheduled for Nov. 19 against conference opponent Shawnee State University at 2 p.m.

Basketball

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points going in the halftime with a score of 34-26.

Berried Cavs scoring with 12 points at halftime. Wright, Jordan and Garrison each had six points. Turner came off the bench to grab eight rebounds and score four points to alleviate the Cavs' early scoring woes.

Juniors Jarvis Palmer and Stephen Gillette both led the Wildcats with nine points each.

Jordan opened the second half with a jumper to build the Cavs lead to 10 points. That lead didn't last long, as the Wildcats used two jumpers by forward Josh Swing and a three-pointer by Coleina to make a run at the Cavs. They cut the Cavs lead to two points with 12:27 left in the game.

A jumper by Berry followed by a steal and layup built the Cavs' lead back up to eight. The run fired Berry and the Cavs up so much that Bethel was forced to call a timeout.

Bethel cut the lead to three points with a jump shot by sophomore corner Walt Andrews with eight minutes left in the game. Both teams went scoreless until Jordan put back a missed shot and got a foul. His free throw gave the Cavs a 56-50 lead.

The final three minutes of play developed into the most exciting period of the game.

Wright slammed an alley-oop from Berry and, with just under a minute left, the score was 65-60 Cavaliers. The Cavs

pulled away by making key free throws after forcing the Wildcats to foul. It had been an aggressive game and tensions were running high.

With 11 seconds left, a double technical foul was called on junior wildcard guard Derek Williams and Cavs sophomore guard Darius Smith. Senior guard Norris Gaskins sunk the free throws for the Cavs and finished off the Wildcats with a layup as the buzzer sounded to give the Cavs a 72-63 victory over Bethel. The victory gave the Cavs their first win on the young season, despite beating Cincinnati Christian College the night before.

"The last 35 minutes was a hard fought basketball game," said Clark. "We did enough to control the offense and defense to come out of there with a win."

Senior Travis Berry finished with 20 points, but fouled out with a minute left in the game. "Bethel was a tough team," said Berry. "They are going to be a lot like a team we play in the Mid-South."

Jordan filled out the stat sheet for the Cavs with 21 points, 14 rebounds and five blocked shots.

"Every game I try to come in and focus on rebounding," said Jordan. "That's the easiest way to score...and that's what I was focused on today."

The Cavs travel to Pikeville, Ky. today to face Bluefield College in the Appalachian Wireless Classic. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.



Jordan Fifer | The Highland Cavalier

Sophomore Darius Smith (2) drives through the lane against the Wildcat defense on Nov. 5. Smith took home Mid-South Freshman of the Year award last season and looks to win a Mid-South title this year.

Games of the Week

GIANTS **49ERS** **Patriots** **JETS**

New York Giants @ San Francisco 49ers

It will be a match-up of division leaders when east coast clashes with west coast in The City on the Bay on Sunday. If the season ended today, the 49ers would be the second seed in the NFC, while the Giants would hold the third spot.

Both teams are coming off road victories as New York defeated New England and San Francisco remained perfect in the Eastern time zone with a win over Washington.

The Giants will have to depend on quarterback Eli Manning for smart play against an aggressive 49ers defense. Leading the NFL's sixth-ranked passing offense, Manning looks to get the ball to receivers Victor Cruz, Mario Manningham and possibly Hakeem Nicks.

The New York defense line possesses aggressive pass rushers in Jason Pierre-Paul, who has racked up 8.6 sacks on the season, and Osi Umenyiora with six sacks.

The San Francisco offense is led by the power running of Frank Gore.

The power attack mixed with the smart play of quarterback Alex Smith, who has 10 touchdown and only two interceptions on the season, will serve the 49ers well in this game.

San Francisco's defense averages giving just under 15 points, good enough for first in the NFL.

Rookie Aldon Smith leads the team in sacks with 6.5, while cornerback Carlos Rogers leads the team with three interceptions.

The all-time series is tied at 17 games, but the Giants have won the last six meets against the 49ers.

FOX's Joe Buck and Troy Aikman will be live from Candlestick Park, with kick off at 4:15 p.m.

New England Patriots @ New York Jets

The battle for the AFC-East crown heats up, as Tom Terrific faces Gang Green in this Sunday Night affair.

Both teams have gone in different directions since their week five meeting, as New York has won three straight, while New England has lost two-out of three.

The Jets want on the road and took out Buffalo, while the Patriots allowed The New York Giants to slip through their grasp in the fourth quarter.

Tom Brady will need to lead New England's first-ranked passing offense to a better performance than the last two weeks. Wide receiver Wes Welker was a consistent target for Brady, along with the dynamic duo of tight ends Aaron Hernandez and Rob Gronkowski.

The numbers for the Patriots' defense are abysmal, as the squad ranks last in total defense and passing defense. Cornerback Devin McCourty and safety Patrick Chung will need to step up the play if the team is to pull out a victory.

On offense, third-year quarterback Mark Sanchez has started off slow in the early part of the season. Receivers Santonio Holmes and Plaxico Burress, along with tight end Dustin Keller will help expose a soft New England secondary.

The Jets possess the league's seventh-ranked pass defense. This stingy secondary is led by elite cornerbacks Darrelle Revis and Antonio Cromartie. They look to give Brady and his receivers problems all right long.

The Patriots won the first match-up in week five 30-21, and the all-time series is tied at 62.

NBC's Al Michaels and Cris Collinsworth will have the call from The New Meadowlands Stadium at 8:20 p.m.

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Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team will travel to Pikeville, Ky. to compete in the Appalachian Wireless Classic. Today the Cavs will face Bluefield College in a 6 p.m. game. Tomorrow the Cavs will face Miami-Middletown for a 6 p.m. tipoff.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team will travel to play in the Milligan Tournament today for 5:30 p.m. game against Virginia Intermont College. The Cavs will also go up against the host Milligan College Buffaloes tomorrow.

Football

The Highland Cavaliers travel to Lindsey Wilson College for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff tomorrow. The game can be heard on WAXM 93.5 FM.

Quick Hits

Cluesman reolves hardware

Junior forward Chelsea Cluesman was named MVP of the Morris College Tournament in Sumner, SC. Cluesman scored 33 points in the tournament.

Bratton wins another award

Junior defensive back Marcus Bratton was named Beyond Sports Special Teams Player of the Week. Bratton returned a 97 yard kickoff return in a Cavs 42-6 loss to Campbellsville.

Men open convo center with a slam



Jordan Fifer | The Highland Cavalier

Senior guard Norris Gaskins (4) goes up for a shot on Bethel University junior forward Tyler Holt (33) on Nov. 5, while senior forward Josh Jordan (33) looks for the rebound for the Cavs in the 72-63 win over Bethel.

Berry, Jordan lead Cavs in opening games

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The men's basketball team opened the new convocation center in style with a 102-76 win over the Cincinnati Christian College Crusaders.

Senior forward Josh Jordan got the tip for the Cavs and senior guard Travis Berry hit a three-point shot. Jordan and Berry scored the first 14 points of the Cavs' first 16 points.

Cincinnati took their first lead of the game with 14:26 left in the first half when freshman Courtney Edwards hit a three-pointer at the 14:26 mark.

Both teams remained at a stand-still for almost three minutes. Edwards hit a three pointer to break the tie for the Crusaders.

Freshman guard Tyler Garrison hit a three to give the Cavs their first basket in almost seven minutes to pull within three points of the Crusaders. Garrison scored 11 points in his first collegiate game.

"I was nervous going into the game," said Garrison. "I just tried to not think about it and just go out there like practice."

Garrison's basket seemed to fire up the Cavs. For the next few minutes, both teams seemed to answer one another with made baskets.

Crusaders forward Greg Howard gave the Cavs fits in the first half by scoring 18 points and battling hard for rebounds. Howard hit a three-pointer to send the game to halftime with Crusaders leading 42-41.

Travis Berry and Josh Jordan led the Cavs with 13 points each.

The second half saw Howard and Berry hitting back-to-back shots for their respective teams. The game was seemingly turning in the Cavs' favor when Garrison hit a three-pointer to give the Cavs a 65-59 lead with 10 minutes left in the game.

Senior guard Jermaine Wright brought the crowd to their feet with a huge slam dunk over Edwards. A steal by sophomore forward James Turner, a Wright dunk and a layup and a three-pointer by sophomore guard Darius Smith gave the Cavs a nine-point swing.

The Cavs pulled away and increased the lead to 19 with five minutes left in the game. They held the Crusaders to shooting 35 percent from the floor, down from 47 percent in the first half. After gaining the big lead, the Cavs never look backed.

Howard led all scorers with 30 points for the Crusaders and Antonio Fairbanks followed with 22 points for the Crusaders, combining for 52 of the Crusaders 76 points.

Berry led the Cavs with 26 points and Jordan followed with 23 points and 9 rebounds.

"I was on the glass today and I wanted to finish all the possible shots I had today," said Jordan.

Smith filled out the stat line for the Cavs, scoring 15 points, grabbing seven rebounds and dishing out five assists.

Cavs coach Lee Clark was content with his team's performance in their first game.

of the young season.

"We're going to give up points," he said. "We really don't want to be in a half-court knockout drag-out game."

The Crusaders are not recognized by the NAIA, but the game was a great opportunity for the Cavs to start the season.

The men's team went on to face off against the Bethel University Wildcats Nov. 5 in the second round of the Cavalier Classic.

The Wildcats began the game on a 7-0 run until Cavs senior Josh Jordan put back senior guard Travis Berry's missed shot for the slam. The Cavs were down early in the game, trailing by as many as nine points in the first several minutes of play.

Freshman guard Tyler Garrison changed the dynamic when he entered the game and hit a three-pointer to put the Cavs within four. Back-to-back layups in transition by sophomore forward James Turner put the Cavs within one point of the Wildcats. Senior guard Jermaine Wright gave the Cavs their first lead of the game with a layup at the 8:01 mark. A minute later, Wright tipped in a missed shot to give the Cavs a three point lead of 19-16.

Berry fouled junior Wildcat guard George Coleman shooting a three-pointer and Coleman made all three free throws to tie the game a 19 apiece at the 7:11 mark. The teams went back and forth in the final minutes of the first half, but two free throws by Garrison put the Cavs up eight

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Runners wrap up regular season

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The men's and women's cross-country teams finished up the season on Nov. 5 with the Mid-South Conference Championship hosted by Shawnee State.

The men finished sixth out of nine total teams. Senior Collin Skeen returned from an illness and finished his final collegiate race with a time of 28:52 for 33rd place.

Matt Parker completed his stellar sophomore season by finishing in 44th place with a time of 30:10.

Sophomores Tyler Morris and Christian Bresnock finished neck and neck, with Morris edging out Bresnock for 55th place while Bresnock took 56th place.

Sophomore Landry Mullins rounded out the Cavs with a time of 32:10, finishing in 60th place.

The women's team finished in seventh place.

Freshman Megan Hilliard finished out a

great first season by finishing in 40th place with a time of 22:31. Brittany Butler ended her junior season by finishing just behind Hilliard in 42nd place with a time of 22:35.

Sophomore Emily Brock finished with a time of 23:23 for 50th place. Freshman Samantha Balthis and senior Kayla Balthis finished back to back in 53rd and 54th place.

Sophomore Natalie Filzen finished in 57th place with a time of 25:42 in what was only her second meet this season.

Freshman Brandi Bailey rounded out the team in 63rd place with a time of 34:14.

Both teams will return several experienced runners next year.

Seniors Collin Skeen, Brittany Butler, and Kayla Balthis finish up their career and hope to leave behind knowledge and leadership for the younger runners.



Balthis



Butler

