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Friday



46°F / 25°F

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35°F / 24°F

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College changes weapon policy

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Students and staff will no longer be able to store hunting weapons on campus under a revised University of Virginia policy set to formally take effect in Virginia in January.

The University of Virginia's Board of Visitors approved a regulation Nov. 11 that bans weapons on its Charlottesville and Wise campuses, effectively reaffirming an existing policy that bans guns, fireworks, explosives and other weapons.

The revised regulation contains no exception for hunting rifles, which were

previously allowed at UVA-Wise as long as they were stored unloaded and secured at the campus police office.

The new regulation took effect this month, but Wise's policy will be updated and formally put in place in time for the spring semester, said Steve McCoy, campus police chief and director of public safety.

UVA-Charlottesville and UVA-Wise both already had policies banning weapons, including guns, on their campuses and properties. But Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli wrote in a July legal advisory opinion that the policies couldn't apply to people with concealed weapons permits because they did not have the force of law.

Nearly simultaneously, though, the Virginia Supreme Court upheld a regulation banning weapons at George Mason University after gun owner Rudolph Di-Giacinto sued, arguing that the ban on guns in campus buildings violates the state's constitution.

A regulation, such as the one at George Mason, is enforceable because it undergoes a more formal process and must be approved by a university's governing body through the Virginia Register Act, the court and Cuccinelli said.

UVA's revised regulation covers the
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Greenhouse Club planning for the future

The Greenhouse Club is planning for the future by focusing on sustainability and environmental awareness. The club members are working on various projects to reduce their carbon footprint and promote eco-friendly practices on campus. They are also organizing events to educate the community about environmental issues and the importance of taking action to protect our planet. The club's efforts are aimed at creating a more sustainable and greener campus environment for future generations.

Space station uplink to be held on campus

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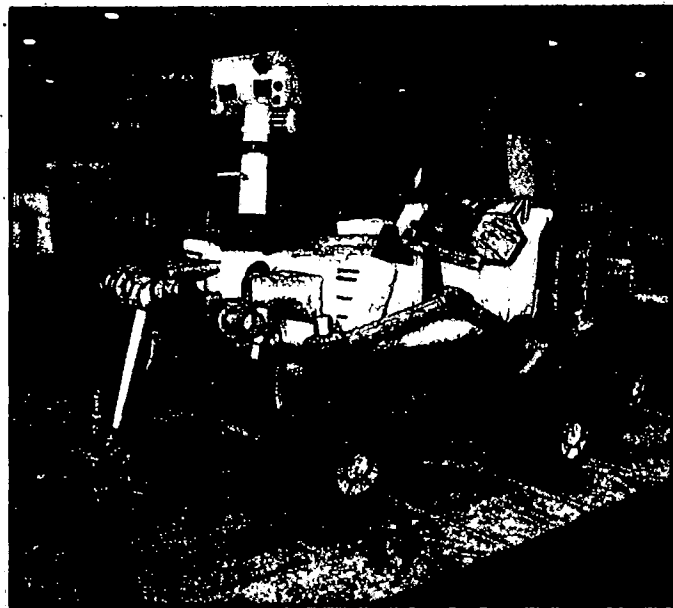
More than 2,500 students from UVA-Wise and elementary, middle and high schools around the region will have the opportunity to speak with astronauts currently aboard the International Space Station at a first-of-its-kind event to be held in January in the convocation center.

The Jan. 26 event will also include more than \$100,000 — three tons — of space and science exhibits from NASA facilities around the country, including full-scale replicas of space probes, astronaut suits, high powered rocket launches and a piece of moon rock from Apollo 14.

At least two former or current astronauts are scheduled to speak as well and several prominent politicians have been invited, said Jack Kennedy, the event's main organizer.

"Too many young children — particularly in the coalfields of Southwest Virginia — don't get the chance to go to museums of great quality," Kennedy said. "This is a chance to bring them a small portion of that."

Students from local schools who competed in competitions in advance, including one from UVA-Wise,



Courtesy of NASA

A full scale inflatable replica of the Mars Curiosity rover will be one of several exhibits to be featured at the Jan. 26 ISS downlink in the convocation center.

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Just horsing around



(From left to right) Freshman chemistry major Kaitlyn Carrill, sophomore nursing major Emily Brock and junior psychology major Keenan France help dig out the old horse shoe pit outside of Merdia Randolph Hall on Nov. 2. Brock and others dug out the old pit, lined it with boards and filled it with new sand. The SGA and the National Student Leadership Society participated in the renovations to the recreation area.

Regulation

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Wise campus and applies to students, employees, volunteers and visitors — including those with concealed weapons permits. Because it doesn't include an exemption for hunting weapons, Wise's policy will have to be updated, McCoy said.

"I certainly stand behind the regulation," McCoy said. "It's with regret, but it's the times we're in."

But McCoy said he worries that the regulation will unduly affect a group of students who otherwise use guns in a safe manner.

"We have to have regulations, but I feel that the students that want to hunt are being limited," he said. "They're the ones that went through hunter safety programs ... they're safe around guns."

Three students currently store guns with campus police, McCoy said, a number down from previous semesters. Those students didn't immediately respond to emailed requests for comment.

Space

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will be able to pose questions to the astronauts stationed aboard the ISS during a live two-way video chat. It will be the first such live chat to be hosted in Southwest Virginia, Kennedy said.

Kennedy, whose day job is as Wise County Clerk of Circuit Court, was this week reappointed by Gov. Bob McDonnell to a second term as director of the Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority. He holds a master's degree in space policy from the University of North Dakota.

He said he's been organizing the event for the past year in part to encourage area students to explore science education, think outside the box and dream big.

"Sometimes there's this perception among school and college children where they think 'We can't do it' just because of the area in which they live," Kennedy said. "I reject that."

One of the speakers at the event will be Adam Sanders, a Big Stone Gap native who attended Powell Valley High School and later went on to design a humanoid robot interface for NASA and General Electric.

That robot — Robonaut 2 — is currently aboard the space station. A full-scale replica of the device will be featured at the January event.

Kennedy said he hopes to use the event as a jumping-off point for other science initiatives in area classrooms. He's currently in talks with college and corporate officials that could lead to UVA-Wise students sending an experiment up to the ISS as early as 2013.

He said it doesn't faze him that no other college in Virginia has yet put a student experiment aboard the space station.

"There is absolutely no reason it cannot be done from UVA-Wise," he said. "We find ourselves locked into the thinking that that's beyond our reach, that it's beyond the scope of our capacity, when in reality that's false. We just have to expand our thinking to be able to achieve it."

The event is set to be broadcast to classrooms across Virginia through a partnership with NASA and the Virginia Education Association.

Kennedy said he hopes the event will remind students and area educators why science education is needed.

"I think it's important that students be afforded the opportunity to do something, to contribute something, to have a long term result from their education," he said. "That's what we're trying to provide in this opportunity."

Holly Ball returns

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With final exams less than a week away, students have one last chance to relax and have a good time tonight at the Student Government Association's annual Holly Ball dance.

"Holly Ball is the night of the last day of classes," said sophomore SGA senator and psychology major Jordan Viars, who has been planning the dance since the beginning of October. "It gives students the chance to unwind before exams start."

Peppermint fudge, cookies and hot apple cider on tables decorated in blue, silver and white are elements of the dance to which students can look forward, Viars said. Frosted Christmas trees and an extra-large sugar cookie complete with icing will add to the decorations.

Music will be provided by disc jockey Ben Ramirez from the popular Johnson City club Chrome, to avoid one of the problems encountered at the Holly Ball last year, Viars said.

"Last year's dance, we had a problem with the original DJ for the dance, and instead [SGA senators] Dakota Hill and James Tiffany became the DJs," Viars said. "This year we won't have that problem."

Tonight's Holly Ball will be held on the fifth floor of the Sleep Student Center, a building that has both advantages and disadvantages, Viars said. He said SGA aims to attract commuter students who are not normally involved in campus life.

"We're hoping that using the student center will draw more attention because, as the only student union building, it is for complete and total student use," Viars said.

The disadvantage of the student center is that there are multiple entrances and exits, which makes the dance harder for campus police to secure, he said. Students may leave the dance at any exit, but may only enter from the first floor's main entrance.

The dance is set to last from 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Check-in will be on the first floor of the student center, and admission for students is free with a valid Cavs card. Students are permitted to bring one guest.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM
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Have a safe and happy winter break.

Our next issue will be Feb. 3.

Faculty Senate passes new policies

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The Faculty Senate approved two new policies at their Wednesday meeting which were championed by the provost and the academic dean.

The group unanimously passed revisions to the college's policy on incomplete grades. The new rule gives students just 45 days to finish work under an incomplete grade, rather than the current 60 days.

It also makes incomplete marks nonprejudicial, meaning they won't count negatively against a student's GPA.

Provost Sandy Huguenin, who introduced the measure, said the revision was necessary because some students had incomplete courses lasting through two semesters before they became F's. That placed extra burden on professors and the registrar's office, he said.

The senators also unanimously approved a new academic forgiveness policy, the first of its kind at UVA-Wise.

This policy will allow students who did poorly in college more than five years ago and have since returned to school and shown success to remove two semesters of sub-par grades from their GPA.

Huguenin, whose office also introduced the policy, said it will help students who faced unexpected changes in their lives that impacted their work in school.

If those students try to return to school now, he said, it's next-to-impossible to make up for bad grades from years ago.

"If they come back, they're in a hole they can't dig out of," Huguenin told the Senate. "Our purpose is essentially saying what you did years ago shouldn't necessarily preclude you from graduating."

Under the policy, a student's grades would not be removed from their transcript, but up to two consecutive semesters would be excluded from GPA calculation.

5 things students think during Finals Week

Compiled by Cameron Parsons, managing editor

1. "I should've bought that book after all."
2. "Please snow. Please snow. Please snow. Please snow..."
3. "How does the open container law work again?"
4. "Why do we need blue books? They are just cut out pieces of notebook paper."
5. "I seriously have to sign the honor pledge again?"

Scotland Trip

- A spring break trip to Scotland will run from March 9 to March 17.
- Those on the trip will be visiting Rosslyn Chapel, Edinburgh Castle, the birthplace of Pontius Pilate, Falkland Palace (the hunting lodge of Mary Queen of Scots and her family) and Glencoe (in the mountains).
- The cost of the trip is \$2,166 per student, which includes all lodging, transportation, breakfast and three evening meals.
- Students must have their application and \$500 deposit in by Jan. 15.
- If you have any questions, call or email Wendy Welch at 276-328-4885 and wow6n@uvawise.edu.

THE HIGHLAND CAVALIER Correction

Amy Clark, an assistant professor of English, will be the only full-time Communication Studies professor teaching during the spring semester.

The Dec. 2 article "Comm. department to be short on faculty" incorrectly identified her.

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Campus crime ranking misleading

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A few weeks ago, the higher education website StateUniversity.com released its rankings of the 450 U.S. colleges and universities which they determined to be the safest. Coming in at number three on the list is UVa-Wise.

Big news, right? Perhaps not. I saw the report when it first came out. After discussing it with college Police Chief and Director of Public Safety Steve McCoy, I decided not to write about the rankings. This week, however, the college's Office of News and Media Relations wrote a press release about the survey and published a widely-circulated Facebook post about it as well. Because of that, I wanted to

address why I held the story. The data the rankings are based on come from the FBI's annual Uniform Crime Report, a nationwide crime reporting index in which thousands of U.S. law enforcement agencies participate.

Specifically, the data used by StateUniversity.com comes from what are called Part I offenses — the most serious types of reported crimes recorded by the UCR. These include aggravated assault, forcible rape, murder, robbery, arson, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

Based on the website's report, one would think that our campus had one reported larceny in 2010 and no other reported crimes. That's not the whole story, though.

The biggest problem with UCR measurements is how they are record-

ed. First, they're only a record of reported crimes — that is, offenses that are known to police. Property crimes like larceny that may have occurred on campus but were not reported to campus police are therefore — and understandably — not measured in these rankings.

Second, law enforcement officers like campus police have great discretion in how they record the offenses and why.

Take, for example, the fights at last year's Welcome Back dance, where several people were arrested for disorderly conduct. That incident is not reflected in the data from UVA-Wise because it doesn't fit into one of those Part I categories.

It's as if the fights never happened, at least as far as StateUniversity.com's

rankings are concerned. After discussing these and other factors with McCoy, I decided a better approach would be to visit the story in the spring semester, when we, as a newspaper, could better tackle an accurate assessment of crime on our campus.

There are several tools we can use to do that, including Part II offenses on the UCR — less serious ones — and the campus police department's daily crime logs, which are recorded under federal law.

I have no doubt that our campus is a very safe one, and that few serious crimes happen here. It's part of the reason I love UVA-Wise.

Ultimately, though, the ranking by StateUniversity.com is not the most accurate reflection of that and is of little news value.

Column: the rules of sleeping in beds

By Holly Battaglia
The University of Connecticut Daily Campus via UWire

Sharing a bed with another person can reveal aspects of his or her life that would otherwise remain a mystery. It is the best way to find out if someone snores, sleeps with a stuffed koala or cannot control his or her bladder.

It is also the only reliable way to determine the compatibility of your cuddling styles. In this article, I will outline the rules of co-ed sleepovers with a new person:

1) Look all around the room for hidden clues.

Does this person have any types of absurd shrines? Have they created an effigy of you upon which they cast spells? Are they hoarding McDonald's cups on their desk? Do they use a giant

tub of protein powder as a doorstep? Be like Sherlock Holmes and piece together any evidence indicating that your crush is a loon.

Decide at this point whether you are actually going to take them up on the invitation for a slumber party.

I would like to say that most people aren't nuts, but that would be a lie. It's best if you can find out early on.

2) Don't pack an overnight bag.

This makes you look presumptuous and desperate. Remember, you're sleeping over someone's place for the first time, not moving in.

If you are really concerned about hygiene, just bring a toothbrush with you and steal some of their toothpaste.

3) Don't sleep for a million hours. I made this mistake this past weekend. At 1:30 p.m., my crush finally told me to wake up because he had to drive

me home.

I overheard his roommates talking about people "getting too comfortable" and could only assume they were referring to my lethargy.

The lesson I learned from this is to wake up in a timely fashion and don't loll around while your bed date is going about his or her daily tasks.

This makes you look lazy and hung over.

4) Don't preemptively remove your pants.

Pants are optional. Just know the repercussions of removing them.

"You have to know what you want before you take off your pants," says seventh semester undecided major and self-proclaimed "woo girl" Erica Zane. Taking off your pants sends a message that you are "DTE."

If that is not the case, then make

your intentions clear. Also, don't "surprise" your bed partner by getting fully nude and hiding under the covers, otherwise known as the "naked man" technique. While funny at times, it's mostly just crude.

5) Don't look really awful upon awakening.

If I plan on sleeping in someone else's bed, I aim to wear less makeup than usual. Skipping the full-frontal smoky eye ensures that I won't be mistaken for a Ke\$ha come daybreak.

If you have a ton of eyeliner and eye shadow on before sleeping in a dude's bed, try really hard to wash it all off before you go to sleep. You will be glad when you wake up. If you are a guy and you don't wear makeup, you will probably look exactly the same the next day and don't have to worry about this.

Hypocritical move by U.S.

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President Obama recently announced that the United States would begin to consider the treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens when it allocates foreign aid.

The order from the desk of the president is a bold declaration from a diplomatic perspective, but the action seems hypocritical in retrospect. The U.S., of course, gives billions of dollars every year to foreign nations in aid packages, but this measure could alter how and which countries receive this aid.

While this will not have too noticeable of an impact on which countries will inevitably be granted the aid money, the declaration is more important for the rights of LGBT people around the world.

What strikes me as hypocritical in this statement is that the U.S. State Department is attempting to advance the rights of LGBT people around the world while we fight to keep those in our own country from attaining the equality that they deserve.

Hillary Clinton was quoted this week saying that "human rights are gay rights, and gay rights are human rights." This is true, and those who suppress LGBT rights in this nation should see American foreign policy shifts as a message that human rights will be upheld, regardless of their attempts to stall progress.

Campus Window

Just relax...



Jessica Shartouny | The Highland Cavalier

Freshman pre-med student Kelly Lloyd and freshman psychology major Daniel Ricotta enjoy SAB's relaxation day in the Jefferson Lounge of the Slomp Student Center.

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Rival cancels football

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The UVA-Wise football team will face one fewer opponent next year after the West Virginia Institute of Technology disbanded its team and withdrew from the Mid-South Conference of the NAIA.

The elimination of the school's football program came after a panel of West Virginia lawmakers unanimously voted to axe the team to save the state money.

"The high cost of operating this program, coupled with low fan attendance and support, makes this decision necessary," Russ Dean, senior associate provost at WVU, wrote in an open letter to his college's community.

UVA-Wise beat WVU 13-0 during an away game on Oct. 1 this year.

The Highland Cavaliers also beat the Golden Bears 56-21 during the Cavs' homecoming game in 2010.



Jordan Fifer | The Highland Cavalier

Senior running back Stewart Robertson (30) cuts the ball up field against West Va. Tech on Oct. 2, 2010. The Cavs won 56-21.

Coach K proves nice guys can finish first

By Corey Blaine
The (Georgetown University) Hoyas, via UWire

In the same calendar year that Derek Jeter recorded his 3,000th hit, an equally-loathed sports figure set the NCAA men's basketball record for wins as a coach. In beating Michigan State, Coach K surpassed his mentor and former boss, Bobby Knight, for the most wins by a coach in Division I basketball history.

As much as it sickens the majority of sports fans to see individuals like Jeter and Mike Krzyzewski (the pronunciation of his last name is nothing short of a field day for linguistic majors) succeed, we have to respect their accomplishments and the general class with which they went about their business.

I'm hesitant to praise Coach K's character because of the events of the last few weeks, which have shown us that nobody is immune to a dramatic fall from grace. It can be said that Coach K did things the right way, however, and his 903 wins stand as one of the cleanest records in a world where Barry Bonds is still acknowledged as the all-time home runs record holder.

In his career, he's never been stricken with NCAA sanctions as a result of recruiting violations like many of his peers. Coach K's success serves as a direct contrast to those like John Calipari, whose first untainted Final Four appearance came this past spring despite it being his third visit. In this day and age, it's rare to find a major college coach who hasn't

committed some form of a recruiting violation.

It's almost nauseating how much of a role model the coach for a school like Duke can be. When he's not keeping J.J. Redick from picking up a DWI until after his Duke days end, Coach K serves his country as the coach of a revamped national basketball team. Like his incredibly disciplined Duke teams, Krzyzewski ran the U.S. team without egos and successfully channeled the talents of LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh to a gold medal (Erik Spoelstra, the Heat's coach, could take a few pointers here). It's safe at this point in time to ask if anyone in the country could possibly run a more successful clean program.

Or, for that matter, can any current coach run a more successful program at all? Looking at the win totals for active coaches, Coach K's record could be safe for many years to come. The two closest coaches to Krzyzewski, Jim Calhoun and Jim Boheim, are both older than Coach K, making it unlikely that they will catch him. The trend for the rest of the list is very similar; any coach over 600 wins currently is either too old to seriously contest Coach K or — in the case of Bob "Huggy Bear" Huggins — parties a little too hard to have the stamina to reach 900 wins.

So where does that leave Coach K's record? Assuming he continues coaching (he's only 64 years old), Krzyzewski may set the bar so high that his record remains untouched for generations to come. One must look at the next crop of rising coaches to find a serious challenger.

The challenger that immediately comes to mind is Brad Stevens, Butler's boy wonder coach. At the age of 35, Stevens has amassed 117 career wins while leading his mid-major university to two NCAA championship games. (It took Coach K until the age of 43 to reach his second title game.) Considering that Krzyzewski had already reached 219 wins at the age of 40, it isn't hard to project that Stevens could collect 20 wins per year and celebrate his 40th birthday with a number close to K's.

This speaks more toward Coach K's achievements than Stevens', though. It takes a large amount of optimism to believe that Stevens can keep winning for the next 30 years and enter the same conversation as this legend. Even J.J. Redick's rap career has a better chance of making it than a challenger to his former coach's accomplishment.

Very rarely is there a situation in sports when a nice guy truly finishes first. Mario Lemieux and Jim Valvano were forced to battle cancer during their careers and Roberto Clemente tragically died in a plane crash. It's refreshing to see Coach K be rewarded for his career, one that saw his players excel on the court and in the classroom.

Between 2004 and 2008, 92 percent of Duke basketball players graduated, a percentage significantly above the national average.

In basketball and life, Coach K is a winner and a role model, and this record only serves to draw attention to this living legend. It's just a shame he accomplished all this at Duke.

BCS Bowl Preview

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BCS Championship Game LSU vs. Alabama

It is the match everyone wanted, and they got it. These rivals from the SEC East will battle one last time for college football's ultimate crown. Look for another defensive struggle from two of the nation's most aggressive defenses. The chant "We Want LSU" will definitely be fresh in the minds of Alabama's players and coaches as the look to win their second title in three years. This game will feature two Heisman Candidates in Tyrann Mathieu (LSU) and Trent Richardson (Bama). LSU may have the upper hand, as they play unofficially home down in New Orleans on Jan. 9. No matter the outcome, this will be the sixth consecutive time an SEC team has taken home the hardware.

Orange Bowl Clemson vs. West Virginia

Quarterback Tajh Boyd and ACC Champion Clemson gear up for the team's first appearance in Miami in more than 30 years. West Virginia looks to keep their hot streak alive after winning three straight to grab the Big East. This should be an excellent battle at the quarterback position between Boyd, who has thrown for nearly 3,000 yards and 31 touchdowns, and Geno Smith passing for nearly 4,000 yards and 25 TDs. The ACC has struggled in the Orange Bowl over the years, so look for West Virginia to come out on top on Jan. 4.

Sugar Bowl Virginia Tech vs. Michigan

This should be renamed the Shocker Bowl when the Hokies battle the Wolverines on Jan. 3. One day after getting embarrassed by Clemson for the second time, Virginia Tech earned the ACC's first ever BCS at-large bid on Sunday. Michigan and first-year Head Coach Brady Hoke have made the Rich Rodriguez days an afterthought, finishing the regular season 10-2. Look for Denard Robinson and the Wolverines to get the school's first ever Sugar Bowl victory.

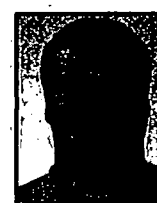
Fiesta Bowl Oklahoma State vs. Stanford

The Cowboys have finally moved out of the shadow of big brother after beating the rival Sooners. Now it is on to try bigger fish in NFL prospect Andrew Luck and the Stanford Cardinals. This game will be a barn-burner as it matches two of the best offenses in college football. Luck and OSU quarterback Brandon Weeden have thrown for over 30 touchdowns this season. This game may be better than the National Championship. Stanford should send Luck out in style on Jan. 2, as they are already accustomed to the stage of a BCS bowl game.

Rose Bowl Oregon vs. Wisconsin

Ready or not, here they come Pasadena. On Jan. 2, roses will fly, running backs will rumble, passes will light up the sky and the scoreboard may need replacement when two of the top five scoring offenses meet. This game will come down to the play on the ground. Running back Montae Ball of the Badgers has 32 touchdowns, while the Ducks' LaMichael James has 17. The speed of Oregon will be too much to handle for Wisconsin.

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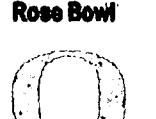
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Men keep playing tough

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The men's basketball team's season record dropped to 3-6 after losing two conference games in the last week.

Wise traveled to Lindsey Wilson on Dec. 1 to take on the Blue Raiders in what turned out to be a great match.

The Cavs led for the first 10 minutes of the game, but went into the locker room down 41-34, despite 12 first-half points by senior guard Norris Gaskins. Junior guard Kalen Kimberland led the way for the Blue Raiders with 11 points.

Wise fought back in the second half to within two points of the Raiders at 61-60. The Blue Raiders responded with a 7-0 run on the Cavs.

Showing heart and toughness, the Cavs battled back once again with 30 seconds left in regulation, cutting the lead to two. Wilson seemed to have plenty of gas left in the tank as the men sank their free throws en route to 79-72 victory.

Senior guard Chase Spreen led the Blue Raiders with 20 points and Kimberland finished with 17.

Several Cavs ended the game with double-figures, including senior big man Josh Jordan leading the team with 22 points, senior guard Travis Berry with 15, Gaskins with 13 and senior guard Jermaine Wright with 10 points. Sophomore guard Darius Smith finished with seven points and seven assists.

On Dec. 3 the Cavs traveled to Williamsburg, Ky. to face the University of The Cumberland Patriots.

The Cavs took advantage of the Patriots' poor shooting in the first half, gaining a three-point lead at halftime of 28-25.

The Patriots came out in the second half prepared to win and never looked back, shooting 50 percent and going 20 for 22 on free throws. Their hot shooting outscored the Cavs 50-34, led by senior guard Zavion Neely with 21 points. Berry led the Cavs with 19.

The game was a milestone for Berry, who scored his 1,000th career point for the Cavs in only three seasons. Berry played his freshman season at Virginia Union University.

Jordan finished with 11 points and Gaskins finished with 10.

The Cavs also traveled to Greenville, S.C. to face NCAA Division I foe Furman



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Senior forward Josh Jordan (33) goes up for a shot against the Georgetown College Tigers at a Nov. 21 match in which the Cavs fell 54-75. Jordan combined for 48 points and grabbed 36 rebounds in the Cavs' homestand.

University on Dec. 6 in an exhibition match.

Wise stuck close to the Paladins for most of the first half, jumping out to a 4-0 run to start the game but fell behind in the final five minutes of the first half.

Going into halftime the Cavs found themselves down 42-27.

Several 3-pointers by Berry and strong inside play by Jordan helped the Cavs put together a hard-fought second half. The Cavs gave up 28 second-chance points to the Paladins, which ultimately hurt them, although they scored 39 points in the second half.

Jordan, Berry, and Wright led the Cavs combining for 62 points. Charlie Reddick led the Paladins and all scorers with 23 points as the Paladins pulled out a 86-66 win over the Cavs.

The Cavs are set to travel to Spartanburg, SC to play an exhibition game against Wofford College on Saturday at 7 p.m. and to Rock Hill, SC on Sunday to play another exhibition with Winthrop University at 4 p.m.

The men plan to play nine games between the end of classes and the Spring semester.

Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team is set to travel to Wofford College on Saturday for a 7 p.m. match and Winthrop University on Sunday for a 4 p.m. tip off. Both teams are NCAA Division I schools.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team is set to host the Virginia Intermont College on Saturday at 2 p.m. Their next game will be Jan. 2 at Union College.

Quick Hits

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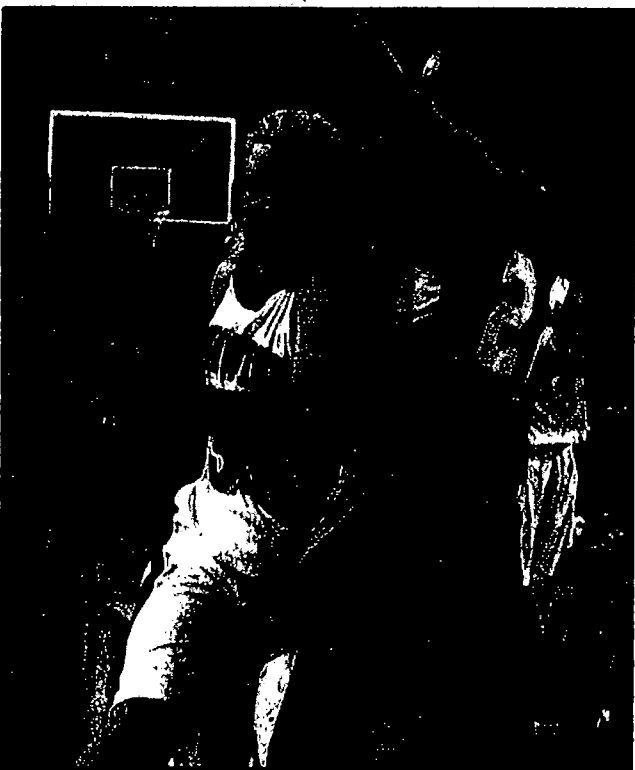
Senior Mikalea Anders received her second consecutive Honorable Mention All Mid-South honor. Anders is just one of three Cavs to record 1,000 career kills.

Funk and Dougherty named Academic All-Americans

Volleyball players senior Megan Funk and junior Robyn Dougherty have been named Academic All-Americans 2011 by the NAIA. Funk boasts a 3.7 GPA and Dougherty a 3.8.

The Sports Department would like to wish everyone happy holidays!

Women fall short in close games



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Junior forward Chelsea Cluesman drives the lane during the Cavs 83-87 loss to Shawnee State in November. Cluesman leads the Cavs in scoring and rebounds, averaging 16.1 and 8.5.

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The Cavs women's team traveled to Columbia, Ky. to face the 14th-ranked Lindsey Wilson Blue Raiders on Dec. 1.

The game was close from the start, but the Cavs gained the upper hand immediately, jumping out to a 23-8 run. The Cavs seemed to hit most of their shots in the first half as the Blue Raiders struggled.

Halftime had the Cavs up 30-22, led by junior forward Chelsea Cluesman with 11 first-half points.

The second half was all Blue Raider basketball, as they outscored the Cavs 38-25. Lindsey Wilson seemed to hit every 3-pointer they took, pulling out a 60-55 win over the Cavs.

Cluesman had a career night, posting 28 points and 12 rebounds for the Cavs. Blue Raider freshman guard Monny Niamke led Lindsey Wilson with 17 points. Cavs senior guard Amber Carter scored 11 points and dished out six assists.

On Dec. 3 the Cavs traveled to Williamsburg, Tenn. to face the Patriots of the University of the Cumberland.

The Cavs held tight to the tough Patriots in the first half, only trailing 40-37 at halftime.

The Patriots pulled away in the sec-

ond half, outscoring the Cavs 40-29 en route to an 80-66 win. They were able to force 27 Cav turnovers.

Cluesman and Carter contributed 18 points each to the Cavs' score and senior forward Kristen Mullins scored 12 points.

Patriots senior guard Lauren Womble and junior forward Vernisha Moss combined for 45 of the Patriots' 80 points.

On Dec. 6 the Cavs traveled to Pippa Passes, Ky. to take on the Alice Lloyd Eagles.

Both teams battled through the game, exchanging leads several times. The Cavs trailed 32-25 going into halftime, but used an eight-minute scoreless streak by the Eagles to make a charge.

With five minutes left in the game, the Cavs took a 49-43 lead. The Eagles weren't surprised, despite their shooting woes in the second half. They were able to battle back in the final minutes of play with timely shooting and key turnovers.

Eagle sophomore forward Ariel Nickell led all scorers with 17 points. Cluesman and Carter headed the Cavs with 12 points each. This was the first win of the season for the Eagles.

After this three-game span the Cavs fell to 2-9 on the young season, but look to gain momentum with several games over winter break.