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Upcoming

► Graduation apps due

Graduation applications for next semester are due today.

► Super Bowl Party

SGA and the BCM will host a party in the Slomp Student Center's Jefferson Lounge Sunday, Feb. 5 at 6 p.m.

► SAB movie

SAB will show the movie "Puss in Boots" tonight at 8 p.m. in the Slomp Student Center's Rhododanron Room.

Weather

Friday



59°F / 40°F

Saturday



49°F / 43°F

Sunday



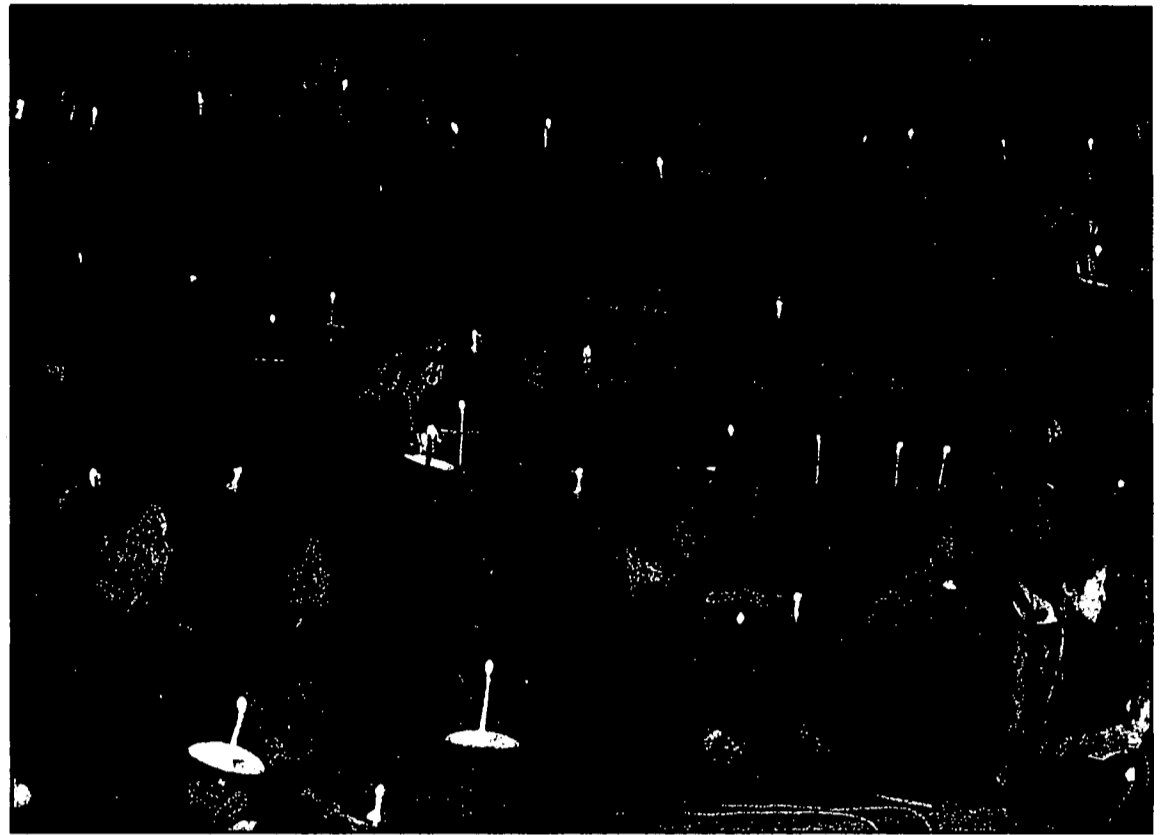
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Wise mourns Prior's death



Jordan Fifer | The Highland Cavalier

More than 200 people gathered Thursday evening by McCraray Lake for a candlelight vigil in memory of Chancellor David Prior, after he died unexpectedly Thursday morning. Prior's wife, Merry Lu, was in attendance.

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David J. Prior, the seventh chancellor of the University of Virginia's College's at Wise, died unexpectedly Thursday morning following a brief illness, college officials announced.

Prior, 68, died around 3 a.m. Thursday after being taken by ambulance from his home on campus to Norton Community Hospital, said college spokeswoman Kathy Still.

It was not immediately clear how the chancellor died. He had recently canceled several classes due to illness, but college officials did not say if the two were related.

Rumors quickly circulated around campus Thursday after emergency vehicles were spotted at the chancellor's residence, the Lila Vicars Smith House, early Thursday morning. College officials waited until later in the morning to announce Prior's death until his family had been notified, Still said.

"It is with a heavy heart that I must announce that Chancellor Prior passed away early this morning," said Dean of Students Jewell Worley, in an email to students just after 10 a.m. "This is a sad day for all of us."

Still said counselors would be available on campus for students, faculty and staff, and Worley encouraged students to visit the Center for Student Development in the lower level of Cantrell Hall where counselors would be available.

SAB and SGA held a candlelight vigil on campus Thursday evening at McCraray Lake that drew more than 200 people and featured speakers and musical tributes.

Prior was hired at UVA-Wise in September 2005 and was inaugurated on April 11, 2006 as the college's seventh chancellor.

During his time in office, he oversaw more than

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David J. Prior 1943-2012 Time at UVA-Wise



Prior

Hired: September 2005
Inaugurated: April 2006

Key Accomplishments:

- Oversaw UVA-Wise's five-year "Fulfilling the Dream" capital campaign, which exceeded its goal of \$50 million ahead of schedule
- Led more than \$110 million in completed construction and renovation efforts across campus
- Secured funding for a new \$40 million library, construction of which is set to begin this year
- Led the college to record enrollment growth and alumni donations
- Expanded the college's educational and economic outreach in Southwest Virginia

Visit memorial.uvawise.edu to sign a guestbook for Prior and his family

Longtime professor, namesake dies

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A longtime UVA-Wise professor who founded the college's art department and helped establish the public library system in Southwest Virginia died over winter break.

Betty Jones Gilliam died of complications from cancer on Dec. 20. She was 90.

"Not many people have an opportunity to cultivate a young college," college spokeswoman Kathy Still said in an email. "Betty Gilliam nurtured this school and its students during many phases of its growth. Her care and dedication are among the reasons the college is what it is today."

Born in 1921, Gilliam was the oldest of six children. After receiving a degree in art education from Ohio University in 1943, Gilliam worked as an elementary and middle school teacher before going on to receive a master's degree in art education from the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Gilliam moved to Southwest Virginia after meeting and marrying Marvin William Gilliam, a young Army major from Wise who had recently returned from a tour in Germany. The couple, who have five children, lived in Wise for more than 40 years.



Gilliam

Gilliam began teaching at UVA-Wise in 1960, which was then Clinch Valley College, a six-year-old college with no formal art program. She founded the college's art department and taught studio art, art education and art history classes for more than three decades.

The professor retired from the college in 1989 with the title of professor emeritus. In 2002, the UVA-Wise Alumni Association presented her with the group's highest honor, the Meritorious Achievement Award, a recognition that had previously only been given to Joseph "Papa Joe" Smiddy, the col-

lege's first chancellor, and Edward "Buck" Henson, a professor emeritus of history for whom Henson Hall is named.

While accepting the award, Gilliam said she "was proud to take college kids and help them think beyond their own worlds, showing them a world of creating art and art history previously unknown to them."

Gilliam described one of her proudest accomplishments as being a "leading voice in the lobbying the local school board, the [Wise County] board of supervisors and state legislators in a successful effort which culminated in the formation of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library System," according to her published obituary.

The Gilliam Center for the Arts, UVA-Wise's art building and theater, is named in part for her contributions to the college.

Among other family, Gilliam is survived by son Marvin Jr., a member of the University of Virginia's Board of Visitors;

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Former football players found guilty

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Four former UVA-Wise football players found guilty of working together to beat and rob a fellow student at his off-campus apartment in February 2011 received prison sentences at hearings in January. A fifth is set to stand trial in March.

Paul Gene Kearney, Byron Thaxter Lawrence, both 19, and Brycelyn Corey Miller, 20, all pleaded guilty to amended felony charges of entering a house to commit burglary and to misdemeanor assault and battery.

For the felony convictions, Wise County Circuit Court Judge Tammy McElyea sentenced each to ten years in prison with nine suspended, nine years of supervised probation and more than \$9,300 in restitution and court costs. On the assault and battery convictions, McElyea gave each a one-year sentence in jail with nine months suspended, as well as one year of su-

pervised probation.

The men must serve their sentences consecutively, meaning each will serve at least one year and three months.

Victor Tariq Lawson, 20, originally charged with felony conspiracy to commit burglary, instead pleaded guilty to an amended felony charge of entering a house to commit burglary.

He was sentenced to ten years in prison with all but six months suspended, nine years of supervised probation and nearly \$8,000 in restitution and court costs.

A fifth former student, Robert Lewis Jones, 20, was also indicted in the case on a felony charge of entering a house to commit burglary.

He has a plea hearing scheduled for Feb. 21 and a trial set for March 13, court records show.

The five men were freshman football players who prosecutors say worked together to beat junior Christopher Riner, 27, in a failed robbery attempt at Riner's rental property on

Feb. 3, 2011.

In a written statement given to police, Lawrence said he suggested to the group that they buy marijuana from Riner that night because he'd done so before.

"I know Chris through marijuana transactions," Lawrence wrote. "I bought some from him in the fall."

In a separate statement made to police, Miller said others in the group "told me it was a dude that had a lot of money and he sold drugs."

Eventually the plan transitioned from just buying drugs to robbing Riner as well, court records show. About 11:30 p.m., the group drove from campus to Riner's house, just two blocks from the college, with the express purpose of robbing Riner.

Miller knocked on the house door and when Riner opened it, Lawrence struck him with a baseball bat, according to previous testimony.

Kearney, Jones, Lawrence and Miller then continued hitting Riner, while Lawson, the group's driver,

stayed in the vehicle.

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

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

Miller, who has a two-year-old daughter, told officers he only involved himself to support his child.

"The reason [the other men] told me he has a lot of money (sic) because they know I'm struggling to take care of my little girl and her mother," Miller wrote in a statement. "They said the money we get we would split it and they would keep the weed because I did not want it."

Riner was not charged with any crime related to the incident.

The five former students were suspended from the football team and banned from campus shortly after being charged. They have each withdrawn from the college.

Science center named

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It's nameless no more: the college's science building is now the Leonard W. Sandridge Science Center.

The UVA-Wise Board approved Chancellor David Prior's recommendation in December to name the building after Leonard Sandridge, UVA's former chief operating officer and a longtime supporter of UVA-Wise.

"Leonard Sandridge has been a staunch supporter of the College at Wise for many years," Prior said in a news release. "He fully understands and appre-

ciates our special mission in Southwest Virginia. For me personally, he has been a valued advisor and has often assisted me with legislative and financial issues. For our college, his guidance and support have been invaluable."

Sandridge retired in July 2011 after working at UVA for 44 years, most recently as executive vice president and chief operating officer.

He continues to work as an advisor to President Teresa Sullivan.

"It is a huge honor to be recognized in this way by my friends at the College at Wise," Sandridge said. "Words do not adequately express my deep appreciation to the college board and Chancellor Prior."

The science center, originally built in 1965, was renovated in 2008 at a cost of about \$13.4 million.

The improvements created a new wing and provided new laboratory spaces and classrooms.



Sandridge

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\$110 million in construction and renovation on campus, including the newly-finished convocation center, the Gilliam Center for the Arts, the Hunter J. Smith Dining Commons, Commonwealth Hall, and the renovation of the Leonard W. Sandridge Science Center, Smiddy Hall and Crockett Hall.

He succeeded Ernest Em, who served as chancellor for one year following the resignation of Steven Kaplan, who left UVA-Wise to become president of the University of New Haven.

Prior was perhaps best known on campus for his affable character and beaming grin. He was a shrewd fundraiser for the college, having overseen a record intake of donations from alumni and, just recently, the largest single monetary gift in the college's history.

As news of Prior's death spread Thursday, college officials, community leaders and others shared their memories of the administrator.

"David seemed to have been prepared from birth to lead and love the College at Wise and the people and landscape of Southwest Virginia," said John Casteen, president emeritus at UVA, who was president of UVA when Prior was inaugurated. "Tireless, wise and always focused on whatever would be best for the college, he brought its great promise to maturity."

Current UVA President Teresa Sullivan sent an email to UVA-Wise employees and students Thursday afternoon mourning Prior's death:

"He was a strong, capable leader with a clear vision for the College and its future," Sullivan wrote.

"We lost a great man who cared so deeply about everyone here."

"He cared deeply about the success of the College and the people of his community, and he was a respected and much-loved figure throughout Southwest Virginia. He was a gifted scientist, scholar and administrator. But most importantly on this day, we remember that he was a warm, compassionate person whose kindness and good humor touched many lives."

On campus, Prior's unexpected death came as a shock to many students.

Sydney Gilbert, a junior political science and communication studies major, said she first met Prior when he sat next to her at a scholarship luncheon her sophomore year.

"He took the time to get to know me as an individual," she said. "That's the kind of man, leader and chancellor he was. He wanted to know each student as a person."

Facebook and Twitter were quickly flooded Thursday morning with memorial notes from students, alumni and others.

"I, along with all of my fellow seniors, were looking forward to shaking Chancellor Prior's hand at graduation this May," said Rachel Hensley, a senior biochemistry major. "I'm so blessed to have gotten to know him."

"We've lost a great man who cared so deeply about everyone here," said theater major Laura Baty. "Chancellor Prior was never invisible or aloof at this school he loved so dearly and this campus grieves as a whole for such a loss."

Travis Brannon, a 2010 graduate of the college,

remembered working with Prior during the two years he served as SGA president.

"He guided the college through a great stage of transition and growth," Brannon said. "Everyone in the UVA-Wise family must forever be thankful for the legacy and solid foundation he leaves behind."

Prior grew up in northern Michigan and had a bachelor's degree in biology from Olivet College, a master's degree in animal physiology and biochemistry from Central Michigan University, a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Virginia, and was a post-doctoral fellow in neurobiology at Princeton University.

He began teaching in 1973 at the University of Kentucky, where he went on to hold dual full professorships in biological sciences and physiology and biophysics. In 1987, he left UK to become chairman of the Department of Biology at Northern Arizona University, where he was named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1992.

In 1995, Prior was named dean of graduate studies and research at Northern Michigan University. Three years later he took a job as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, first at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, and later in 2002 at the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

Still said Thursday afternoon that college officials would work to name an acting chancellor, but that it was too early to comment specifically.

Prior is survived by his wife, Merry Lu, and two adult children, Andrea and Christopher. Details of any future memorial services had not yet been set.



More than 3,000 people packed the convocation center for a live two-way video downlink with astronauts aboard the International Space Station. The event also included presentations from astronauts, Gov. Bob McDonnell, space engineers and others, as well as a moon rock display and full-scale mockups of space technology.

Country group Lonestar coming to Wise

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The convocation center is set to see its first major concert this semester when country music group Lonestar takes the stage for a March 30 show.

Popular local band Folk Soul Revival, which was started at UVA-Wise and features college alumni, will open for the country crossover band at 7 p.m., college officials announced last week. Lonestar is set to take the stage at 8 p.m.

Lonestar has had nine singles reach No. 1 on the country charts and Billboard's Hot 100. The group has sold more than 6.5 million records worldwide, and is best known for hits like "Amazed," "I'm Already There" and "My Front Porch Looking In."

Tickets for the Lonestar/Folk Soul Revival Concert on March 30 are currently on sale in the convocation center.

Students who purchase tickets before Feb. 22 will receive \$5 off the \$25-tickets, and \$10 off all other tickets.



Courtesy of Lonestar

Country group Lonestar will visit Wise on March 30 in the first major concert in the new convocation center.

To purchase tickets, call 276-376-3431 or stop by the ticket office in the convocation center.

For more information, check out uvawise.edu/convocation-center.

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daughter-in-law Marcia Gilliam, a UVA-Wise alumna recently appointed chairwoman of the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board; and son Richard, a UVA-Wise alumnus who, along with wife Marcia, recently donated \$8.3 million to fund a new health and wellness center on campus, as well as renovations to Greear Gymnasium.

Area legislators Del. Terry G. Kilgore and Sen. Bill Carrico intro-

duced a joint resolution in the General Assembly in January honoring Gilliam's service to Southwest Virginia.

"Betty Gilliam possessed an inquisitive mind, love of learning, appreciation for creativity, and can-do spirit that led to the formation of lasting institutions that will continue to enrich the lives of residents of Southwestern Virginia for years to come," the resolution says.

Still said the professor "helped shape the culture of campus."

"Mrs. Gilliam was a true teacher who brought her deep appreciation of art to a fledgling college and shared it with generations of students," the spokeswoman said. "She instilled in her children and the students she taught the importance of making an impact wherever you are."

News Briefs

Athlete pleads guilty to DUI

A women's basketball player arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and refusing a Breathalyzer and blood alcohol test has since been suspended from the team, officials said.

Christina Ciminelli, 20, a sophomore administration of justice major, pleaded guilty Wednesday afternoon in Wise County District Court to a misdemeanor DUI in exchange for having the refusal charge dropped.

Around 4 a.m. on Jan. 21, Wise Police officer B.S. Mullins pulled Ciminelli over on Norton Road near Spring Avenue after her vehicle swerved across the center line and drove off the roadway, Mullins said in an arrest warrant.

Mullins administered several field sobriety tests, all of which Ciminelli failed, the officer wrote in court records. Ciminelli was arrested and refused to submit to breath and blood tests.

Under the terms of the plea, Ciminelli was sentenced to 30 days in jail with all of it suspended, a \$400 fine and a year of unsupervised probation. She will also have her driver's license suspended.

Ciminelli, a forward on the women's basketball team, has been indefinitely suspended from play, said Darrell-Dingus Ely, the college's sports information director.

Ciminelli did not respond to an emailed request for comment.

-Hayley Galloway

College lecturer takes new position

A former state senator and senior lecturer at UVA-Wise has taken a position as executive director of the New College Institute in Martinsville.

William Wampler Jr., who retired in January after 24 years in the Virginia Senate, succeeds Leanna Blevins, NCI's interim director.

Wampler, 52, represented the 40th Senate District, which includes Wise, since 1988.

He was the senior ranking Republican in the Senate.

A retired colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, Wampler also taught at UVA-Wise as a senior lecturer in military science in the college's ROTC program.

"He is a true teacher who knows the value of higher education," college spokeswoman Kathy Still said in an email. "NCI is fortunate to gain him as its director."

Founded in 2006, NCI is a state-funded facility that provides access to bachelor's degree programs, master's degrees, teacher endorsement programs and other courses through partnerships with state colleges and universities.

Wampler and his wife plan to move to the Martinsville area, according to an NCI press release.

-Jordan Fifer

Campus Window Smiles all around



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Students enjoy the halftime show during the men's basketball game against Lindsey Wilson College Jan. 6 in the convocation center. The Cavs won 58-51 in an upset game over the No. 8 ranked team.

Paper sees staff changes

By Jordan Fifer Photo Editor jf3u@uvawise.edu

I wanted to share some news from The Highland Cavalier. Effective immediately, I'll be stepping down as editor-in-chief and instead taking up a new role as photo editor...

This change will allow me to focus on personal health issues related to a resurgence of my Crohn's disease. I've been in remission for the better part of five years but was recently hospitalized and remain on many medications.

My doctor advised me to cut down significantly on stress, and I'll likely be traveling a few times this semester for out-of-state medical treatment. As such, I've regrettably had to take a leave from my duties at the paper.

I'll remain as photo editor, mainly contributing my own photos and collaborating with other staffers.

Cameron will be the go-to student in charge on the editorial board, but any of the editorial staff can help with questions, news, etc. As always, the best way to contact the editorial board as a whole is at highlandcavalier@uvawise.edu.

Please let Cameron or me know if you have any questions, and of course feel free to keep in contact with me with newspaper questions, story ideas, etc. I'm not leaving just stepping back a bit.

The rest of the staff and I appreciate your continued support of the newspaper and your patience as we adjust.

Try taking a break from your cell phone

By Todd Galyan Opinion Editor mig7h@uvawise.edu

Last Thursday night last week, my trusted BlackBerry went through every cell phone user's nightmare: it quit working.

I knew cell phone glitches can come and go, so I decided to wait it out through Friday in an attempt to avoid the excruciating trip to the cell phone store.

Friday passed, however, without

my phone's health improving and I conceded that a trip would be necessary.

Due to weekend commitments and a strong urge to avoid the trip, I did not reach my provider until Monday and did not gain access to a functioning phone until Tuesday, leaving me phoneless for four-and-a-half days.

Not having a phone was annoying at times since I had no direct line of communication, but in general it was a very peaceful experience.

I was released from the need to

have a cell phone in hand at all times.

Through this tranquil period, I could not help but think of what I was always using my phone for before and what I actually needed it for.

Unsurprisingly, the answer I came to was that I wasted a lot more time on my phone than I did putting it to use for productive things. For my age group and many others, we are simply creating reasons to pull out our cell phones. Texting, apps, Facebook, etc. not that any of these things are bad, but there is a point where we become so

absorbed in using our phones that it is more like they are using us.

Our phones are meant to connect us to the world, not be our world. I'm not saying we should only use our phones for business.

Instead, I'm suggesting that every use should be a conscious decision rather than a habit.

The next time you find yourself pulling out your phone for no particular reason, slide it back in your pocket and try to regain control over your phone and life.

Letter to the Editor

Submitted by Jesslynn Strauss

Every residential student knows that we must have a meal plan and we assume that the number of mandatory meals is determined by what building we live in. This assumption is based on the residence hall application.

On Chartwells' website's FAQs, however, students are told that, while all residential students must have a meal plan, there are two options from which they can choose and that students should choose their meal plan "based on your academic schedule and desired eating patterns in order to get the greatest value."

This statement implies that all students should be given the choice of 12 meals or 19 meals per week regardless of what building they live in. I have heard the argument that students must also pay for the maintenance of the dining hall and therefore the higher priced meal plan is justified, but there is a \$621 fee that goes to the dining hall that is included in our student fees.

An anonymous Chartwells employee informed me that Chartwells actually receives very little from our student meal plan.

As students, we need to stand up for ourselves and demand that we know where our money is going and demand that we not be charged multiple times for the same service. While I am not advocating a reduction in fees, I think it reasonable to hold the college staff responsible for using our fees effectively.

If we are being charged thousands of dollars a semester for food, the quality of food should reflect that high price. If Chartwells says that students have a choice between 12 meals and 19 meals, then students should be given that choice.

Strauss is a junior history major.

TSA needs new policies

By Jimmy Dingess Staff Writer jtd7q@uvawise.edu

It seems that every week another story appears on the news about unwarranted harassment by Transportation Security Administration agents.

The reports are often filled with evidence of agents lacking the proper training or knowledge of policy, which results in startling situations. Four-year-olds with leg braces have been forced to remove them, cancer survivors have been forced to display prosthetics and toddlers have been given pat-downs.

With the lists of these embarrassing incidents growing longer, the TSA is planning to create a program to aid frequent fliers and "low-risk" travelers.

These lucky travelers will be permitted to leave belts and shoes on and keep their laptops in their cases in order to create a smaller pool of people who the TSA can check with greater care with the hopes of increasing the number of risks detected.

While this news is a bright spot for those harassed innocent travelers, the amount of time that passed before this reform was instituted is a prime example of the inefficiency of the federal government. After 11 years of testing, the TSA has been deemed out-of-date and a waste of money.

I still feel that the TSA serves a necessary function in the safety of the airlines, but it needs to properly train employees on policies in order to avoid the negative headlines that plague the current security model.

Women look to finish season strong

By Jordan Childress Sports Editor jsoc6x@uvawise.edu

The women's basketball team played several Mid-South Conference games in the last two weeks. On Jan. 21, the Cavs faced off against conference rival University of Pikeville Bears.

The Cavs jumped out to an early lead aided by senior guard Amber Carter and junior forward Chelsea Cluesman. The Bears charged back when forward Whitney Jackson scored seven fast points to give the Bears a 14-10 lead.

Cavs senior guard Ayla Young hit a buzzer-beater at the 11:06 mark, before junior forward Christine Nyobe stole the ball and found senior forward Kristin Mullins for the layup.

This chain of events helped the Cavs pull within one point. A free throw by Cluesman later tied the game at 17.

Each team fought hard for the next few minutes, tying the score several times.

With 6:11 left in the first half, the Cavs pulled ahead when Cluesman found junior guard Charlotte Reasor for the 3-pointer to give the Cavs a 28-25 lead.

Freshman guard Katie Jo Lester came into the game and hit a 3-pointer to give the Cavs a 12-point lead with two minutes left in the first half. The Cavs led 44-30 going into halftime.

Bears sophomore guard Brogan Conley led all scorers with 12 points at the half. Cluesman and Carter paced the Cavs, combining for 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Back-to-back steals by Carter once play resumed saw the Cavs jump out to 56-36 with 15 minutes left. The Cavs saw their lead grow to 29 as freshman guard Kenzie Poindester hit a 13-foot jumper, making the score 74-45. The Cavs held on to take an 80-52 victory.

"With Pikeville, it's a rival [and] we knew we were going to come out pumped," said Head Coach Kristen Kunzman. "We have been itching for a win and now that we got it, this will set the tone for us."

The Bears were paced by Conley and Jackson who combined for 27 points. Carter finished with 22 points, nine rebounds, five assists and five steals for the Cavs while Cluesman finished the night with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Carter came out of the game with

one of her best career stat lines. "She came alive tonight and really got us going," said Kunzman. "If she keeps playing like this she is really going to finish her senior season strong."

The Cavs played host to the tenth-ranked Lindsey Wilson Blue Raiders on Jan. 26.

Carter started the game with a steal and layup, helping the Cavs jump out to a 9-5 lead, but a four-point swing by the Blue Raiders tied the game at nine apiece.

Back-to-back 3-point shots gave the Blue Raiders a 17-11 lead with 12:46 left in the half. A layup by senior guard Taylor Lockridge extended the Blue Raider lead to 13.

With the entrance of Lester, who immediately found Cluesman down low for a layup, the Cavs cut the Raiders' lead to five. Carter got a steal and layup to pull within four then grabbed a long rebound and hit the 3-pointer to bring the score to 29-28.

Blue Raiders sophomore guard Jasmine Brimm's layup extended the lead back to three, but with 3:04 left Mullins found Lester for the 3-pointer and tied the game at 31.

A Cluesman basket gave the Cavs their first lead since the 15 minute. Cluesman hit another basket just before halftime to give the Cavs a 39-34 lead.

After a quiet first half, Blue Raiders leading scorer junior forward Ashley Rainey began to take over for the Raiders, giving them the lead midway into the second half. Back-to-back 3-pointers by Mullins, however, grabbed a seven-point advantage for the Cavs.

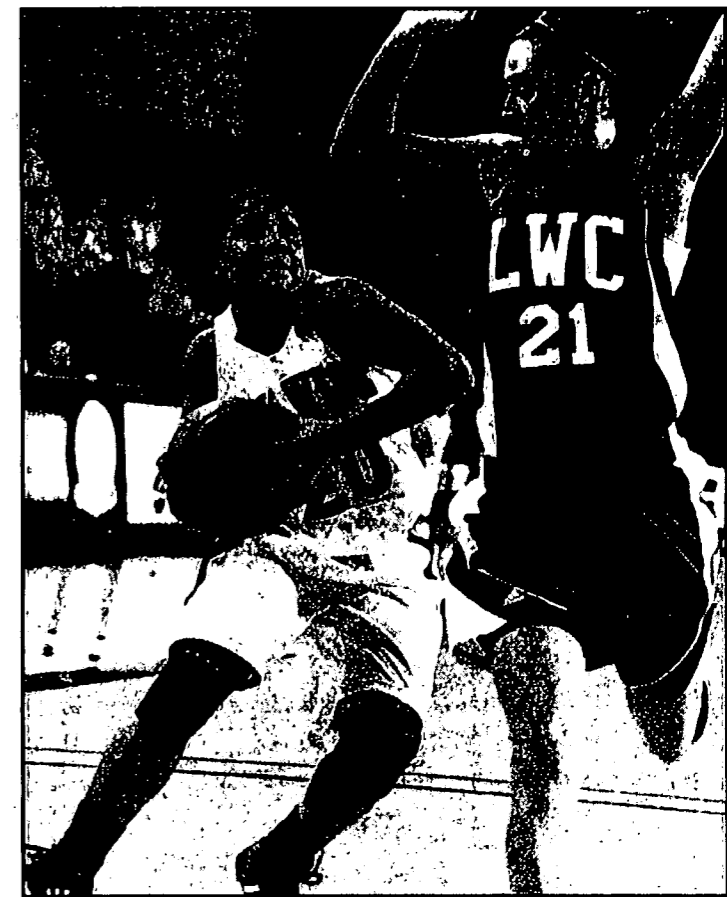
At 12:44, Cluesman picked up her fourth foul and had to sit out. The Blue Raiders took advantage of Cluesman's absence and went on a run of their own, extending their lead to 60-53.

Both teams exchanged baskets, but the Cavs found themselves down 10, with 2:30 left. The Cavs pulled back within two after a couple Lester 3-pointers.

With 21 seconds left on the clock, the Cavs were forced to foul and hope the Blue Raiders missed their free throws, but Lindsey Wilson made the next four shots to push the lead to six.

Mullins sank a 3-pointer, knocking the deficit back to three, but there wasn't enough time left on the clock to push one last run.

The Cavs dropped an 80-76 heartbreak loss to Lindsey Wilson.



Jordan Fifer | The Highland Cavalier

Senior guard Amber Carter (20) goes up for a basket in an 80-76 loss to the Lindsey Wilson Blue Raiders on Jan. 26. Carter had 15 points, eight assists and five steals for the Cavs.

Each of the Cavs' starters showed great play, with all but one in double figures. Mullins led the Cavs with 19 points, Cluesman finished with 17 points and eight rebounds, and Carter finished with 15 points and eight assists.

The Cavs played host to The University of the Cumberland Patriots on Jan. 28.

If the start of the game was any indication of how the game would play out, Patriots freshman forward Jackie Alexander's pass that immediately found its way to the basket for a 3-pointer, set the tone.

The Cavs couldn't get any of their first shots to fall, allowing the Patriots to lead off of a 10-0 run. Reasor hit a free throw, gaining the Cavs their first point, and Mullins hit a jumper to make the score 15-3 in favor of the Patriots.

Carter took the ball hard to the basket several times to cut the lead to seven with 11:24 left in the first half. Multiple 3-point shots by junior guard Haley Ratliff helped the Patriots jump out to a 15-point lead with six minutes left on the clock.

A Nyobe basket cut the Patriots' lead to 10, but they still were ahead 43-31 at halftime, with Patriot junior forward Lauren Wombles leading all scorers with 17 points and Cluesman and Carter leading the Cavs with a combined 17 points.

Repeating their first half success, the Patriots started the second on an uninterrupted seven-point run. The Cavs got back in with a 3-pointer by senior forward Chelsea McNamee to make the score 57-47.

With the Patriots answering every basket made, the Cavs couldn't reduce the lead to fewer than 10, and the Patriots started to pull away in the last five minutes of the game.

Wombles finished with game-high 30 points. Cluesman paced the Cavs with 17 points and Carter finished with 14, as the Cavs fell 83-63 to the Patriots.

"We came out flat and they got so many second chance points in the second half," said Kunzman. "We're getting better every game."

The Cavs will travel to Georgetown College tomorrow for a 2 p.m. tipoff.

Superbowl XLVI

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Super Bowl XLVI: New York Giants vs. New England Patriots

This Sunday, Eli Eli and Terrific Tom will battle for NFL supremacy in Peyton's Place, as the Giants and Patriots meet in Indianapolis for Super Bowl XLVI.

This marks the second time the teams have met this season — in Week 9, Eli Manning led a late fourth-quarter drive to upend the Patriots. New England has not lost since.

This will also be a rematch of Super Bowl XLII, where the Giants foiled the Patriots' chance at perfection.

The Patriots finished the regular season 13-3 and earned the first seed in the AFC. New England set playoff records against Denver and edged out Baltimore to win the Lamar Hunt Trophy.

The Giants entered playoff mode after a shocking home defeat to Washington in Week 16. New York has rattled off five consecutive victories to win the NFC East and earn the fourth seed. A home victory over Atlanta and road victories Green Bay and San Francisco helped them earn the George Halas Trophy.

The Patriots will look for three-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady to direct the offense and the franchise's fourth title in ten

years. Brady will rely heavily on his tight end tandem of Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez.

On defense, New England has developed a bend-but-not-break mentality, after ranking near the bottom of the league in pass defense. Cornerbacks Devin McCourty and Kyle Arrington will be charged with the task of shutting down New York's receivers.

Manning's flawless play has led to a resurgent Giants offense. The wide receiver trio of Hakeem Nick, Mario Manningham and Victor Cruz give him a plethora of targets to stretch the field vertically.

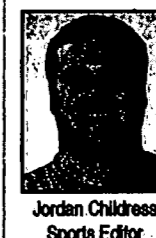
New York's defensive line draws comparisons to the one that defeated New England last time. Justin Tuck and Osi Umenyiora will look to repeat their Super Bowl XLII domination of the Patriots' offensive line. Jason Pierre-Paul will be another lineman to look out for.

This will be the 11th match-up of this series with the tied five. Eight games during the series have been decided by eight points or fewer.

NBC's Al Michaels will call his eighth Super Bowl alongside Cris Collinsworth while Westwood One's Kevin Harlan and Boomer Eason will have the national radio call.

This will be the first Super Bowl to also stream live on the Internet at nbc.com.

Who will win?



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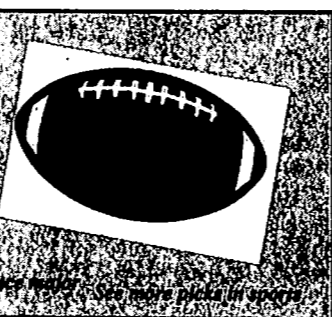
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Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team is set to travel tomorrow to Georgetown College, tipoff is set for 4 p.m. The Cavs will travel to St. Catharine Thursday and Campbellsville on Saturday.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team is set to travel to Georgetown College, with tipoff is set for 4 p.m. The Cavs plan to travel to St. Catharine Thursday and Campbellsville on Saturday.

Quick Hits

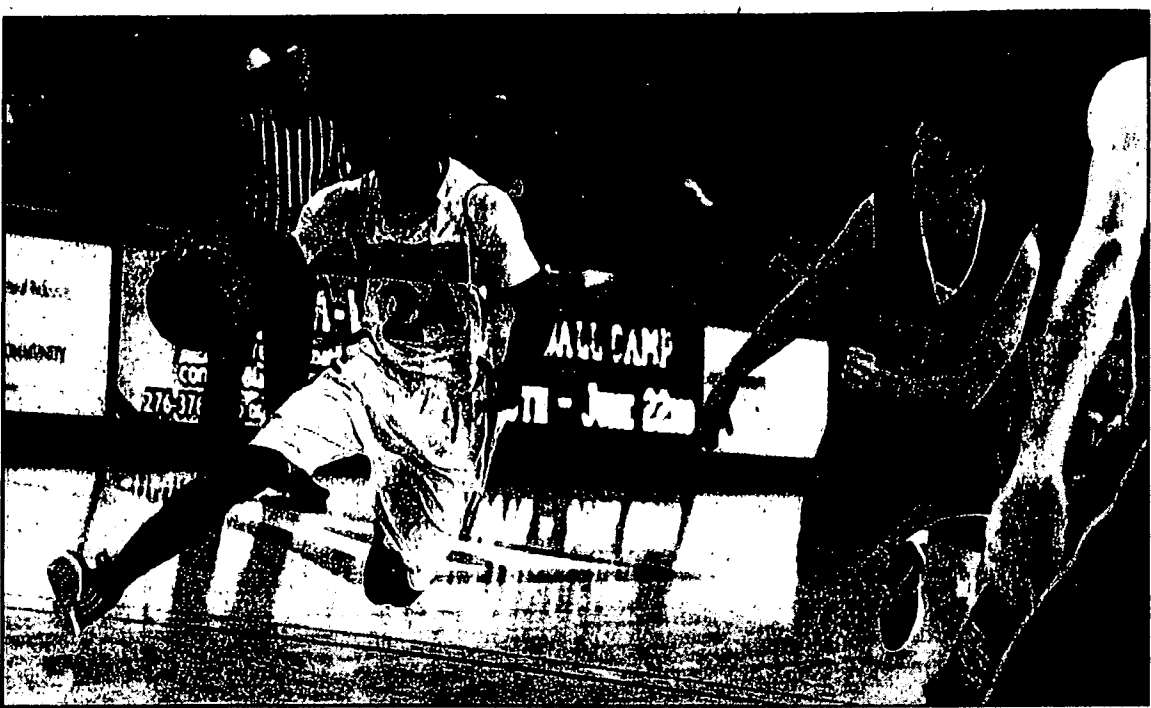
Cluesman Is honored

Sen. Mark Warner acknowledged junior forward Chelsea Cluesman's Mid-South Player of the Week honor with a letter of recognition. The award followed an early January three-game series with Cluesman averaged 24.7 points and 12.7 rebounds per game.

Bratton earns hardware

Junior kick returner Marcus Bratton was named as a Second Team All-American selection. This honor adds to Bratton's growing list of achievements, including being named as a defensive back and kick returner for First Team All-Mid-South and Second Team VASID.

Men control own destiny



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Junior guard Jermalne Wright drives to the basket against The University of the Cumberland on Jan. 28. The Cavs fell to the Patriots 65-60. The Cavs look to gain momentum as the regular season comes to a close.

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The men's basketball team has played three important Mid-South conference games the past two weeks and now find themselves in a great position going into the conference tournament.

On Jan. 21 the Cavs hosted 2011 NAIA national champions University of Pikeville Bears.

The Cavs started the game hot, jumping out to a 13-3 lead. A three-pointer by sophomore guard Darius Smith gave the Cavs a 22-14 advantage at the 9:42 mark.

The Cavs went into halftime leading 32-30. Junior forward Trevor Setty led the Bears with seven points and senior center Josh Jordan and Smith led the Cavs with 10 points each. Both teams had several players earn two or more fouls in the aggressive first half.

The Bears grabbed their first lead in the second half, but it was short-lived, as senior guard Travis Berry found Smith in the corner for a banked three-pointer.

Cavs led 50-48 with 10 minutes left in the game, but the Bears went on a 7-0 run to give them a 59-52 lead with 7:20 left.

Junior guard Jermaine Wright's free throw cuts the lead to two and a jumper by senior guard Norris Gaskins tied the game at 59.

The Bears went another run and held a seven-point lead with 1:52 left in the game.

The Cavs hit back with a Smith basket and a pair of Wright free throws to make the score 72-70 in favor of the Bears with 27 seconds left on the clock.

With 15 seconds left, the Cavs have a chance to send the game to overtime. A Jordan dunk made the score 73-72 with six seconds on the clock.

After a made free throw, the Bears led 74-72 with three seconds left on the clock.

Berry heaves a desperate half-court shot that falls short as the Cavs lose to the

Bears 74-72.

The Cavs missed several opportunities to score, as the Bears lost 10 key free throws in the last 45 seconds of the game.

McHenry led the way for the Bears with 23 points. Jordan poured a game high 24 points and 13 rebounds. Smith scored 17 points, grabbed six rebounds and dished out six assists.

On Jan. 26, the Cavs hosted the Lindsey Wilson Blue Raiders, the eighth ranked team in the nation.

After a tough back-and-forth game in the first half, the Cavs held a 25-24 halftime lead. The Cavs forced nine first-half turnovers to gain the lead.

The Blue Raiders got as close as three points, but the Cavs built an eight-point lead with two minutes left in the game. Gaskins found Jordan for a monstrous dunk to build the lead to 10 and brought the fans to their feet as the Cavs took a 38-31 upset win over the Blue Raiders.

"I thought our guys played really well with a small lead the rest of the game," said Head Coach Lee Clark. "We were able to play good defense and this is a tremendous win for our guys."

What proved to be the difference in the game were the eight free throws the Cavs made over the Blue Raiders.

Travis Berry led the Cavs and all scorers with 17 points.

"This win gives us a lot of confidence going on and finishing up the season" said Berry.

The Cavs faced another tough opponent when The University of the Cumberland Patriots came to the convocation center on Jan. 28.

The Patriots jumped out to a 4-0 lead, but Jordan's layup and free throw made the score 4-3. Another three-point play by Jordan gave the Cavs their first lead at the 13:40 mark.

However, the Patriots took a 31-29 halftime lead with a layup by sophomore forward Steve Goins who once played at the University of Maryland.

Jordan led all scorers with 11 points. Berry came out and tied the game at 31 in the beginning of the second half.

Patriot junior forward Benito Santiago, Jr., whose father played 20 years in the MLB, made a layup to return the lead to the Patriots.

Wright's rebound and put back with 12:16 left in the game gave the Cavs a five-point lead.

The Patriots returned with a five-point swing to tie the game back up, and a 3-pointer by freshman forward Chance Armstrong gave the Patriots a three-point lead with seven minutes left in the game.

Tempers began to flare toward the end of the game and two technicals were called, one on Wright and the other on Patriot junior forward Markeith Cungious.

Smith tied the game at 52 with 6:41 left, but the Cavs took a 60-58 lead with Berry completing a 3-point play to take a two-point advantage with three minutes remaining in the contest.

The Cavs tried to run some time off the clock, but Patriot senior guard Zavion Neely stole the ball and found Daniel in transition for a 3-pointer and the Patriots took a 62-60 lead with 53 seconds left on the clock.

Gaskins got the ball and drove hard to the basket before being fouled, but missed both free throws and a chance to tie the game.

The Cavs only used one substitute throughout the game, which showed in their increasing tiredness.

They had no choice but to foul and still couldn't score despite the Patriots missing free throws, and as a result, the Patriots pulled out a 65-60 victory in the game.

"The transition there by Daniel was really a back-breaker," said Clark. "They stayed in that zone and that made it a lot tougher on us offensively."

The Cavs travel to Georgetown College tomorrow for a 4 p.m. tip off and to St. Catharine next Thursday for an 8 p.m. contest.

Head coach resigns

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Women's basketball coach Abby Hearn resigned from her position in early December, not long after the Cavs lost eight games in a row.

The Cavs started the season 2-0 and won the Lady Hornets Classic in Sumter, S.C.

On Dec. 15, Assistant Coach Kristen Kunzman was named interim head coach.

Athletic Director Danny Sterling wouldn't comment further on Hearn's departure, but said in an email that "everyone associated with the athletic department has been very pleased with how Coach Kunzman has handled the situation, the team and her administrative duties."

Coach Kunzman will remain the head coach for next season, Sterling said.

This year's season will have had five coaches in four years.



Hearn

Two join the 1,000 point club

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On Jan. 30, senior basketball players Travis Berry and Josh Jordan were honored by Coach Lee Clark for scoring 1,000 points in their career as Highland Cavaliers.

Berry scored 19 points on Dec. 3 to surpass 1,000 points.

"Reaching 1,000 points — not a lot of people get to do that," said Berry "That's a milestone for anyone playing college basketball."

Jordan's milestone came on Jan. 14 when he scored 27 points to push him over the 1,000 point mark.

"I'm just happy God blessed me with the talent to do it," he said.

Both have played the last three years together on the team, but

their friendship began long before they reached Wise.

Jordan and Berry grew up a block from each other in Alexandria.

They have been playing ball together since they were seven years old in various recreational leagues and have been friends since ninth grade.

Through years on and off the court, the two men have formed a strong brotherly bond.

Their success began early, as the two won the 2008 AAA State Championship at T.C. Williams High School, going 29-3 that season.

Berry and Jordan were separated briefly when Berry chose to attend college at Virginia Union to play basketball, but he joined Jordan a year later on the Wise men's basketball team.



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Senior Travis Berry drives to the basket in the Jan. 28 game against Lindsey Wilson. The Cavs defeated the nationally ranked Blue Raiders 68-61. The Cavs will face nationally ranked Georgetown College tomorrow at 8 p.m.