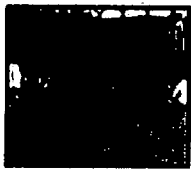


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Fall break

Fall break begins Saturday. Classes resume Oct. 15. Residence halls will close at 9 a.m. on Saturday and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Oct. 14.

Next home football game

The next home football game will be on Oct. 13 against Kentucky Christian University at 8 p.m.

Weather

Wednesday



79°F / 56°F

Thursday



75°F / 61°F

Friday



75°F / 63°F

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Student input sought for tobacco ban

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This August, in anticipation of the fall semester, Sim Ewing, vice chancellor of finance and administration, sent out an email reminding students and faculty of the smoking policies on campus. Unlike most mass emails, Ewing received a response.

"I received immediate feedback regarding tobacco in general on campus, and one of the main issues there was smokeless tobacco in buildings," Ewing said. "From that, we brought it up in our cabinet meeting. [Student Government Association President Phillip] Blevins asked me to come talk to SGA about the issue, and we received suggestions to gather direct student opinion on the topic."

SGA will host a forum on banning smokeless tobacco in campus buildings at 1 p.m. Oct. 17 in Cantrell Banquet Hall.

The faculty senate and the staff council are also in the process of speaking to those they represent about the issue.

"We wanted to have campus-wide meetings so everyone could give feedback, pro or con, on the measure," Ewing said. "We could just simply do it right now, but

we want to see what the constituencies of all three groups think. When we get that information we will act using that and do what we think is in the best interest of the college."

Ewing said he knows this type of change could be seen as drastic, but he is confident the school's administration can handle the necessary changes.

"This could be a hot-button issue, and we thought it would be best if something was going to be done with it, then it should be done prior to a new chancellor, so that they wouldn't have to deal with a thorny issue right off," Ewing said.

Rules and penalties regarding a possible smokeless tobacco ban in buildings have not yet been developed, though Ewing said that college officials will consider how other institutions have handled similar initiatives.

One detail that would be included and that may cause some confusion is that a ban would include athletic venues, inside and out, as they are defined as buildings.

"It's a difficult issue. How do you enforce this type of change?" Ewing said. "But I know we will make the best decision regarding the interest of this college."

This is a sensitive topic on campus,

and students fall on many different sides of the issue.

Freshman history and music major Corbin Hazelett said there's no question as to what should be done.

"I think it should all be banned from campus," Hazelett said. "Cigarettes affect other people with the smoke and with the litter their butts cause on campus. For chew and dip, I personally find it disgusting. People just leave their half-full bottles of spit around or dump them out on campus. It's just nasty."

On the opposite side of the spectrum, freshman pre-physical therapy major Kennedy Sluss, an occasional tobacco user, said he feels empathy for those who would be affected by the change.

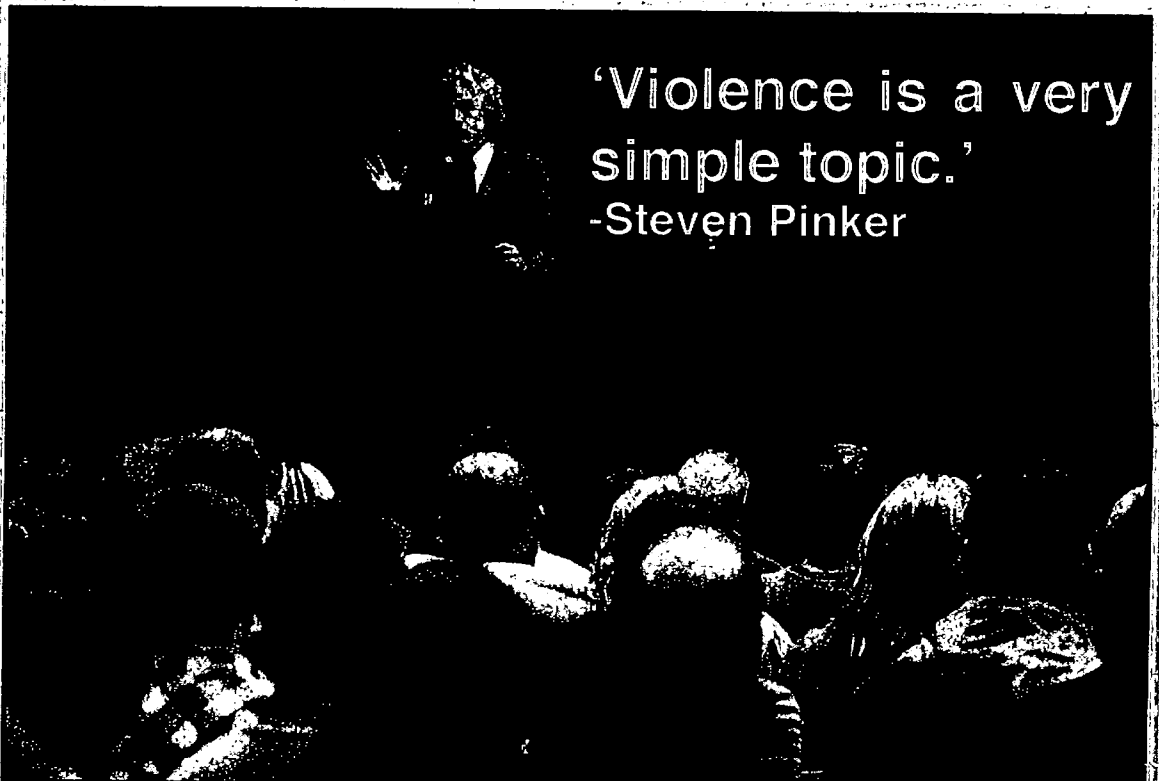
"I have friends who have been dipping since they were nine-years-old, and to take away something that they do now, everyday on campus, is just kind of absurd," Sluss said. "Especially when, in this area, there's so many people that do it ... I know there's those few people who aren't responsible and make a mess with it, but you can't punish everyone for what those few people do."

Sluss related the issue to the common problem of graffiti.

"Only a few people write on the bathroom stalls," he said. "But they aren't having a forum to take those away."



Ewing



'Violence is a very simple topic.'
-Steven Pinker

Jessica Shartown / The Highland Cavalier

Steven Pinker, a professor at Harvard University and a psychology scholar, delivers a lecture Sept. 28th to more than 500 students, faculty and community members in the David J. Prior Convocation Center. Pinker focused his lecture on the violence, the topic of his most recent book, "The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined," offering evidence and theories about why he thinks societies throughout the world are seeing less violence than in the past despite the appearance that this century is wrought with conflict.

SGA adds new positions

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Two new positions — parliamentary and public relations officer — have recently been added to the Student Government Association, the duties of which are based on tasks previously assigned to the secretary.

"The purpose of the parliamentary is to make sure that we follow and better understand Robert's Rules of Order and to assist the secretary in making sure senators are actively completing their requirements in the office," said senior administration of justice major and SGA President Phillip Blevins.

The public relations officer is set to handle interaction with outside organizations as well as social aspects of SGA.

"The public relations officer will work to tie the SGA together, make sure we are operating cohesively, plan social events, run our Facebook and Twitter accounts, publicize all of our events and maintain our relationship with the media," Blevins said. "In the past these jobs have sort of been the duty of the secretary but with taking minutes and the other duties she is responsible for, there's a lot on her plate. So with adding this position we are not only creating another opportunity for leadership but we are adding opportunity to help the SGA

grow."

But the current SGA constitution already defines which jobs are the duty of the secretary as an executive board member and the chairperson of the Communications Committee.

The constitution reads "The Communications Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of informing the college public and the student body of activities and actions of the senate through printed and electronic media in a timely fashion. The secretary shall be the chairperson of the Communications Committee ... The Communications Committee shall be charged with the task of taking the appropriate measure to document, via written and photographic means, all the activities and events of the Student Government Association. This record shall be included in the college newspaper and the Student Government Association website."

SGA members seem aware of the discrepancies between the constitution and these newly created positions.

"We actually have a committee working on that right now that includes most of our executive board members," said senior administration of justice major and SGA Secretary Kimberly Hamm. "They are working on revising the whole constitution to include the new public relations officer, parliamentary and just working out the

kinks that we do not have fixed."

Constitutional changes must also be voted on by the student body.

One other possible change did not find favor in the senate at the Sept. 28th meeting, when a proposed six-member president's advisory committee (PAC) was voted down.

The PAC, sponsored by Blevins, was intended to advise the president about relations in six areas: college, community, traditional students, commuting students, nontraditional students, residential and apathy concerns.

Enough of the senate felt that the PAC was unnecessary that the proposition to add the positions failed upon voting.

"Some of the positions that PAC was going to be for was to take some stress off SGA members but there were members that were confident they didn't need that help, so they didn't think the committee was needed," Blevins said.

The vote took two attempts because senators had to be asked after the initial vote to raise their hands high enough so that they may be tallied accurately.

"A lot of the indecision in the vote had to do with the fact we have a lot of new members this year and there's only a couple returning members," Hamm said. "So I think there's some that are still nervous about voting no."

Decision 2012? The mockery of homecoming court

By Corey Sanchez Opinion Editor cs6ty@uvawise.edu In a year full of political undertones, people feel as if they are being force-fed the "vote for me" idea.

From the constant reminders, via the social media, to creative advertisements blanketing campus, it seems like the candidates were begging for votes instead of asking for them.

Have opinions on the 2012 election race? Send them to highlandcavalier@uvawise.edu! We accept all pieces - just keep them between 300-450 words. Start writing!

Student Pulse How do you feel about the possible smokeless tobacco ban?

"I don't dip, but I feel that it's an invasion of personal rights." -Hayley Bowman, junior special education major

"Smokeless tobacco only harms the user." -Michael Amory, senior communication studies major

"It would be ridiculous for us not to be able to do it." -Dallas Hileman, junior administration of justice major

"I don't see what the problem is, if that's someone's personal preference." -Brett Hall, junior political science major

"They can ban that as much as they want to, but [students are] still going to chew." -Brittany Knight, junior nursing major

Housing: taking your keys and saving you money

By Corey Sanchez Opinion Editor cs6ty@uvawise.edu Last year before winter break, the Office of Housing and Residence Life required students to turn in their room keys before returning for the long break.

You, too, can walk on water with a little 'magic'

By Megan Gray Staff Writer meg6ky@uvawise.edu Have you ever wondered if you run fast enough, you might be able to skip across water like that crazy lizard and impress all of your friends?

Yet, with slow gliding contact one can just slide their hand under the surface as if it were just plain water.

Women's golf shows promise in inaugural season

By Katie Jo Holman Staff Writer kjh6cq@uvawise.edu The college's first women's golf team is off to a strong start.



Courtesy of Richard Robards | Campbellville University Freshman Makenzie Cluesman looks at her approach shot in the Mid-South Fall Tournament.

XC faces tough competition Volleyball struggles continue

By Jordan Childress Sports Editor jsc6cx@uvawise.edu The college's men's and women's cross-country teams faltered against stiff competition during last week's meet.

South foe Shawnee State. The Bears posted a three-set victory over the Cavs with scores of 25-20, 25-14 and 26-24.

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'Merica also proved to be strong in flag football, demolishing Supa Twerk 18-0 in the final game on the night in the womens division.

Games of the Week

Games of the Week section featuring logos for Georgia Bulldogs, South Carolina Gamecocks, New England Patriots, and Denver Broncos, along with game summaries and scores.

Ask Miss Cindy: A new advice column written by Cindy Greene, our own cafeteria cashier. Send relationship, roommate and any other difficult life questions with the subject "Ask Miss Cindy" to highlandcavalier@uvawise.edu to see them answered in a future print issue.

Editorial Board and Staff Writers/Photographers list including names like Jordan Fifer, Jessica Shartown, and Emily Baxter.



Upcoming Games

Football

The Highland Cavaliers will travel to Bluefield College for a 6 p.m. kickoff Saturday. The game can be heard on waxm.com.

Volleyball

The Highland Cavalier volleyball team will travel to Roanoke, Va. to participate in the Roanoke College Tournament. The Cavs will also host Pikeville on Oct. 9.

Cross-Country

The men's and women's cross-country teams will compete in the Maryville Invitational on the campus of Maryville College in Maryville, Tenn. on Saturday.

Men's Golf

The men's golf team plans to travel to Easley, S.C. to partake in the Southern Wesleyan University Tournament on Saturday.

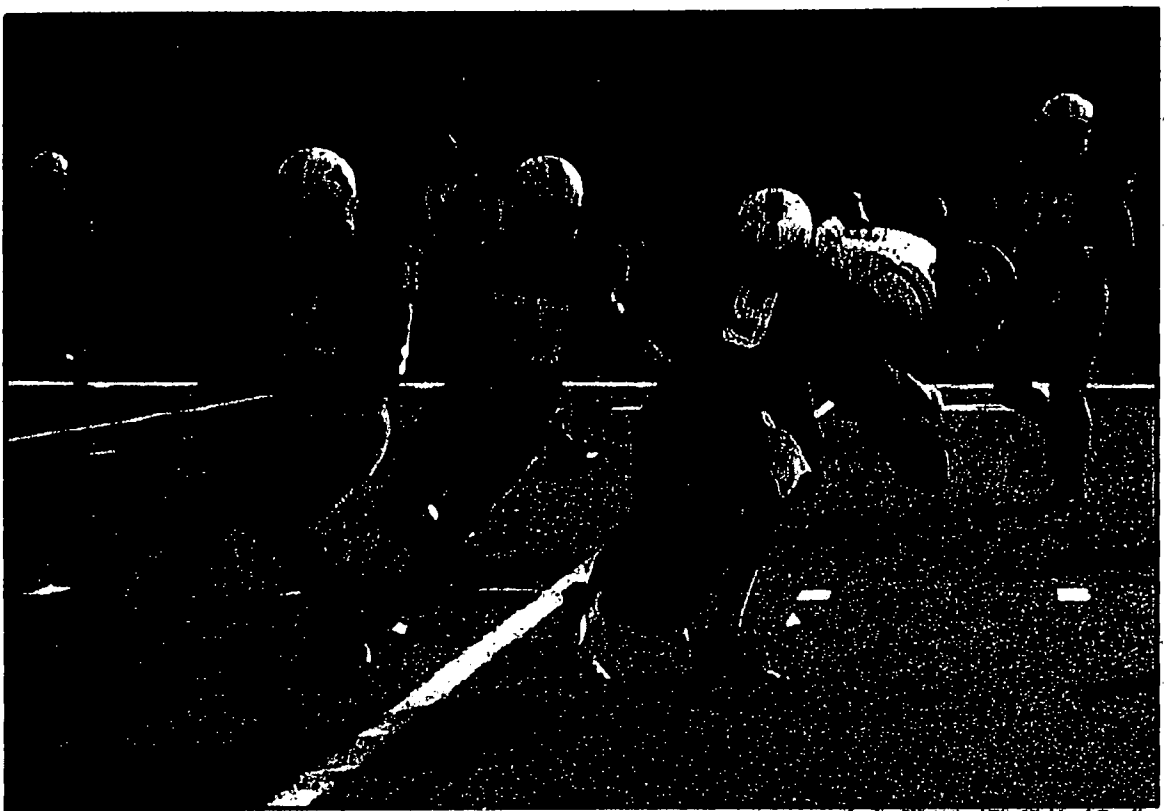


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Wise blazed by Belhaven in homecoming game



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Senior Cavs cornerback Marcus Bratton (9) tackles Blazers wide receiver Kylan Pollard (2). Bratton had two tackles on the day including this one. Pollard finished the game with three catches for 55 yards.

Cavs on five-game skid after upset win

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Homecoming night was a night to forget as the Cavaliers could not find a way to slow down the Blazers' offensive attack as the Blazers took a 52-14 blowout win over the Cavs.

In the first quarter, UVa-Wise took over on offense for the first time after Belhaven bobbled the snap on a field goal attempt.

Freshman running back Connery Swift and company did not waste any time opening up the scoring by busting through the Blazers' defense for an 84-yard touchdown run.

Swift would finish the evening with 135 yards on 17 carries.

After the Swift score, Belhaven went on the attack, putting together a seven-play, 75-yard drive.

Blazers running back Kadero Edley capped the drive with a 46-yard touchdown run.

The Cavaliers hardly moved the ball on its next offensive series, which was highlighted by a 15-yard catch-and-run by junior receiver Michel Steele.

A Dean Hogan punt placed Belhaven deep in its own territory at the 10-yard line.

The Blazers' offense pieced together a nine-play 90-yard drive that ended with Joshua Hawkins' 2-yard scamper to pay

dirt.

Belhaven gained the lead, 14-7, for the first time and never looked back.

Trailing by seven in the second quarter, senior returner Marcus Bratton took the kickoff 53 yards, giving the Cavaliers' offense excellent field position.

The offense stalled once again, but this time junior kicker Paul Melshen was sent to try a 51-yard field goal.

The attempt failed and Belhaven took over at its own 35-yard line.

The Blazers put together another touchdown drive off of the field goal miss, going 65 yards downfield, extending the lead to 21-7.

UVa-Wise would fumble on the next possession, giving Belhaven the ball on the 18-yard line.

The defense finally stiffened and held the Blazers to a James Bryan 30-yard field goal, making the score 24-7.

The next UVa-Wise drive went three-and-out, and ended with Hogan's punt being blocked, placing the ball inside the 20.

It would take the Blazers five plays to cross the end zone for the third time in the quarter.

Belhaven would take a 31-7 lead into the locker room.

After halftime, Belhaven put together a 90-yard drive that culminated in a 1-yard touchdown by Patrick Wilson, widening the lead to 38-7.

UVa-Wise showed signs of life on its

second drive of the third quarter as quarterback Cullen LaVoi connected with wide receiver Julian Stewart on a 47-yard touchdown pass. With the score, the Cavaliers shortened the gap to 38-14.

It was Stewart's first touchdown reception in a Cavalier uniform. He led all receivers with 103 receiving yards for the game.

Belhaven continued to flex its muscles in the fourth quarter after LaVoi threw an interception.

The Blazers took over on the Cavalier's one-yard line, and marched downfield 99 yards, concluding with an six-yard touchdown run by Alex Williams.

It was now 45-14 in favor of visiting Belhaven.

The scoring drive was the team's third scoring drive of 90 or more yards on the night.

On the ensuing Cavalier drive, the offense committed another costly error as LaVoi fumbled the ball.

Belhaven's Calvin Lewis came up with the ball and gave it to his team at Wise's 11.

It took Blazers' Raymond Cotton two plays to punch the ball into the end zone, delivering the kill shot and making the final score 52-14.

The Cavaliers will attempt to put this losing streak to rest this weekend when they travel to Bluefield College. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. Saturday.

Outside the jersey

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Students and some faculty members seem willing to do whatever it takes to win a free intramural championship T-shirt playing the sport they enjoy, even if it means sacrificing their bodies.

So far, intramural soccer and flag football championships have shown this to be the case this semester.

After many game delays due to inclement weather, the soccer post-season tournament began on Sept. 20.

With play taking place throughout the weekend, Staff Infection suited up to face GMFAT in the championship game on Sept. 23.

Staff Infection was going for its fourth title in a row, though GMFAT has had its fair share of success in the past.

Staff Infection cruised to a 2-1 victory in sudden death on a penalty kick by one of the only students on the team, senior biology major Jack Wayland.

"Our team is pretty selfless, so we don't worry about things like who is getting the goals and assists," said John Adrian, chair of the Department of Language and Literature. "I think that is why we've been so successful the past few years."

Adrian is a member of the flag football, basketball and softball intramural teams.

Wayland scored the only two goals of the game for Staff Infection. One goal came in sudden death and the other was scored late in the final

minutes of regulation.

GMFAT led most of the game after scoring early on a long kick from sophomore Steven Allen. Allen was selected as Intramural Athlete of Week for the men for week one and is also a member of the baseball team.

On the same night, DINOS faced the two-time champions, 'Merica, in the women's bracket. 'Merica edged the DINOS out in sudden death 1-0 in a hard-fought game for both teams.

Junior biology major Samantha Robinson scored the only goal in the game. Robinson was named the Athlete of the Week for the women.

In both brackets, the No. 1 seed edged out the No. 2 seed for T-shirt bragging rights.

Less than a week later, on Sept. 25, Staff Infection showed up on the gridiron to beat Beta Pi in flag football.

Staff Infection proved to be strong on the football field as well, winning 34-6.


In another game, GMFAT got off to a steady start, leading by nine at the end of the first half, but The Romans came storming back in dominating fashion with a 18-13 victory.

Senior John Willis Morris had the strongest game for GMFAT with 10 flag pulls on the defensive side of the ball.


For The Romans, junior criminal justice major Blake Duffy had two touchdown receptions from quarterback junior Andrew Jessee. Duffy's touchdown catches came from a 35-yard pass as he snuck past sophomore Blake Salyer for the score and a wide-open 38-yard catch in the end zone.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



India Dillard
34 kills in last weeks' games



Connery Swift
138 rushing yds including an 84-yard touchdown

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