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Upcoming

Last day to add/drop

Friday is the last day to add a second seven-weeks course or drop a class. See the Registrar or the student portal for more information.

Fall band concert

The UVA-Wise band will be performing a concert on Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gilliam Center for the Arts.

Weather

Wednesday



70°F / 50°F

Thursday



63°F / 43°F

Friday



63°F / 41°F

Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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SGA budget rises to \$66,000 a year

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The Student Government Association's budget received a 3.5 percent increase for the 2012-2013 school year for an annual budget of \$66,000 or \$33,000 per semester.

"SGA's budget, like any student fee budget, receives half of their funds per semester. So, we got \$66,000 for the year, but \$33,000 for this semester," SGA adviser and Assistant Director of Leadership and Greek Life Josh Justice said. "Money does carry over from fall to spring, but the only money we carry over from the spring until the next year is self-generated income or if spring bills come in during the summer, but all money is reverted back to general allocations."

This semester's carry-over funds transferred into the general allocations fund amounted to \$2,218.

At the beginning of the year, needed funds are generally estimated and distributed to committees who plan and run SGA sponsored events, Justice said.

Some committees are formed for specific events like homecoming or the Juhan Student Leadership Retreat, while others are ongoing like Support the Sports, Town and Government Relationship Building and Campus Improvement.

SGA sets remaining funds aside for student fee allocations such as funding campus organizations for events or trips, he said.

Of the five ongoing committees, the only two committees that have used funds are Support the Sports and the SGA expense account.

"Events are kind of scattered when you look at our calendar. The very first thing that we are hit with is homecoming, and homecoming is so extensive that if we start trying to get all of those things going at one time, it would be very hard to have

the man power to do them," Justice said. "So, right off the bat we are hit with the planning and everything for that, so when we turn the second half of the fall there's a whole lot more time there to work on building those different events."

To date, SGA has made four allocations.

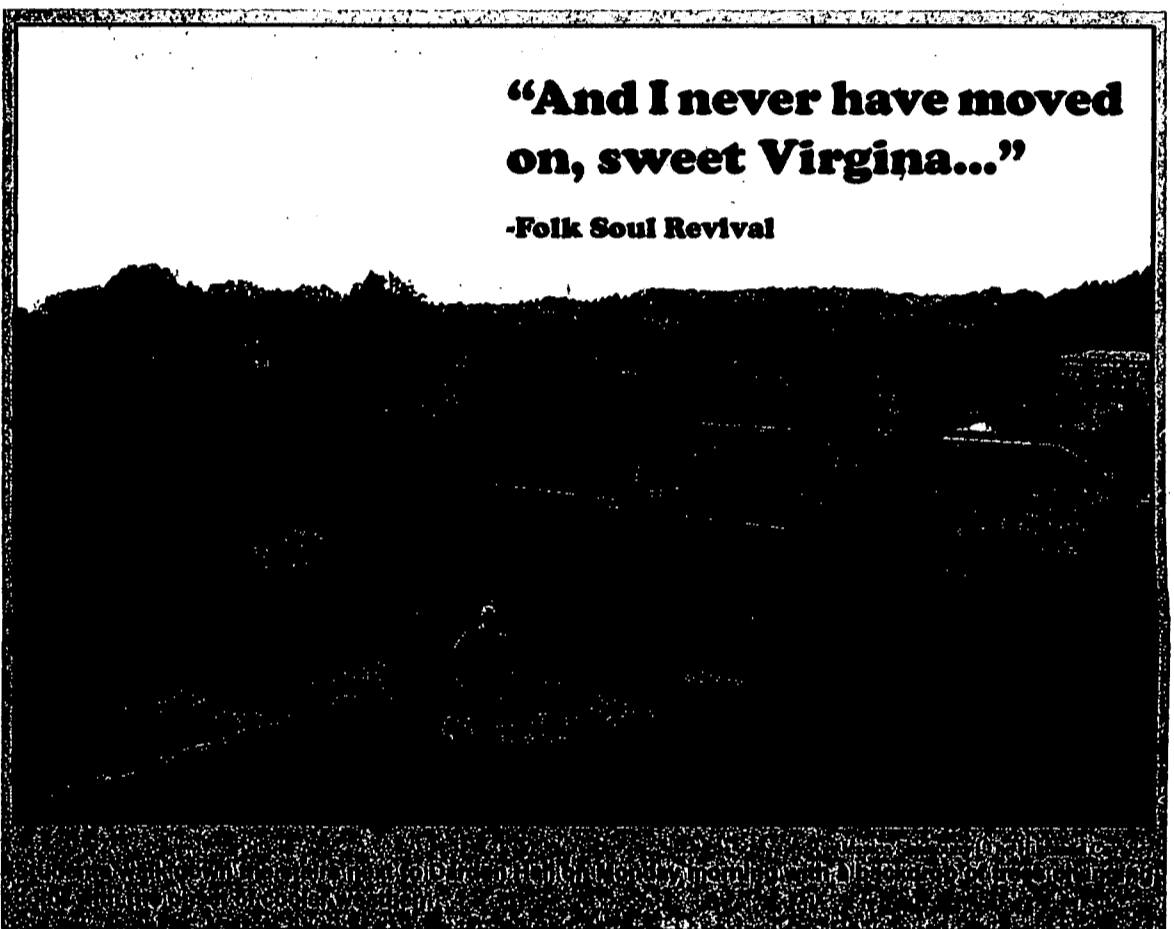
9/9	SVEA	Funtasia	\$400.00
9/9	NLS	Conference Traved	\$400.00
9/21	Bookstore	TV	\$450.00
9/21	Dance Fitness Party	Zumbathon	\$375.00

"SGA is always good about helping groups out as long as the group does a good presentation, which helps senators to understand exactly what they're asking for, and as long they fill out the allocations form and bring that to the meet-

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"And I never have moved on, sweet Virginia..."

-Folk Soul Revival



Local restaurant takes off Asbury Hall Internet solution in progress

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For students looking for a change of pace in food or atmosphere, The Hangar Bar and Grill may be the answer. Located at 6104 Airport Road between Sykes and Verizon, The Hangar is an old name with a new feel.

"Before, it was known as The Hangar Market and Grill, and they had deli items, burgers, just pretty basic stuff ... but we've expanded the menu and really changed," said Co-manager Anthony Wayne.

The menu has everything from the popular choice of fish tacos to the standard, and not so standard, burger all at affordable prices.

"We have [unique] things like the fish tacos, which are a big hit," Wayne said. "[There are] quesadillas, the Spruce Goose Burger (a burger with egg), homemade chips and a lot of our dressings are homemade or local."

In the spring, Wayne plans on getting most of his produce from local growers.

The grand opening on Oct. 6 featured giveaways and live music from We Killed Vegas, Earth by Train and Brad Hamilton and Brent Hobbs. Students and the community can expect this to be the norm for this restaurant, Wayne said.

"We want to bring local bands in here on regular basis. We've already got October booked, and right now we're [having live music] every Friday and Saturday," he said.



Todd Galyean | The Highland Cavalier

The Hangar, a restaurant located near the Lonesome Pine Airport, boasts a real airplane on its roof.

Besides the live music, the owners have several other events planned.

"We want to have different types of event nights like open mic, bike, karaoke, college, sports and just everything and anything," Wayne said. "As of right now, we've only been open [a short time] ... there are a million ideas, but we have to do them one at a time."

The Hangar has already had a variety of visitors from families and coworkers to college students.

"We have the environment that anyone can come and bring their kids and have a family meal or some college students can come up and have a beer," Wayne said. "We're off the beaten path. And, in my opinion, even though it's not far out, you can get away from town."

The Hangar will be hosting college and open mic night Thursday evening, while live music will be offered on Saturday at 9 p.m.

"It's new and different," Wayne said. "I mean, we have a plane on our roof."

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The unplanned network outages in Asbury Hall the week before fall break are on the mend.

Chris Boggs, the network engineer for UVA-Wise, said that the outages were caused by water damage in the network cabinet in the basement of Asbury.

"Around 2 p.m. on Oct. 3, we noticed there was a problem," Boggs said. "The switch equipment was wet; it wasn't good."

Immediately, Boggs sent out an email to the employees and students, apologizing for the inconvenience and explaining the problem. That didn't stop the students living in Asbury from voicing their opinions about the outages on Facebook and Twitter.

Senior Donald Williams updated his Twitter status saying, "Sucks not to have Internet in our residence hall...." on the afternoon that it first went out.

Internet didn't return until the next afternoon.

Boggs said a temporary solution was constructed from another network on campus.

However, it's not a permanent solution.

"We worked on it over break and are working on a solution," Boggs said.

Dean of Students Jewell Worley said the estimates for fixing the water damage and restoring Internet in Asbury have been submitted to the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Rusty Necessary approved the estimate on Oct. 15. The problem will be fixed as soon as the equipment to do so is purchased.

News Briefs

Nursing program advising and applications available

Cathie Collins, chair of the Nursing Department, will conduct advising sessions for any student interested in the nursing program noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 24.

The deadline for applying for admission into the nursing program is Nov. 1. Applications can be obtained online at <http://www.uva-wise.edu/nursing/> or from Kim Lawson in room B023 of Darden Hall.

-Jessica Shartouny

Band festival to be held in stadium

The first CAV-LCADE band festival will be held on Oct. 27 in the Carl Smith Stadium. High school bands from Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky will compete for the Chancellor's Cup and \$1,000.

The second-place winner will receive the Highland Cavalier Cup and \$500, while the third will receive \$250.

Admission is \$6. Gates will open at 9 a.m.

-Todd Galyean

Zumba to raise money for breast cancer research

Zumbathon, a workout session with dance instructors, will be held Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. in Greear Gymnasium. Admission to the event is \$5 and donations are encouraged. More than \$175 in prizes will be awarded.

A minimum of 75 percent of proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation for breast cancer research. The event is cosponsored by Dance Fitness Party and Theta Phi Alpha. Students, staff, and community are welcome.

-Todd Galyean

SVEA to host Halloween carnival for kids

The UVA-Wise Student Virginia Education Association chapter is sponsoring the Hallo-Read Carnival for children aged 0-12 on Oct. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Greear Gymnasium.

The event will feature stories, games, crafts and snacks for children and attendees may wear costumes that aren't scary.

A \$5 admission fee will be charged at the door. Contact Krystal Crockett or Linda Davidson at (276) 620-4687 and (276) 328-0184 for more information.

-Jessica Shartouny

Red & Gray 5K

The third annual SGA Red and Gray 5K and 1 Mile Fun Walk was held Sept. 29 at the Convocation Center. More than 75 people participated in the event and \$934 was raised for the UVA-Wise Relay for Life team.

-Todd Galyean

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Frisbee tourney draws visiting teams

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When most people think of sports, the classics come to mind - football, basketball, baseball and so on.

This weekend students have a chance to enjoy something different at the first "Highland Tune-Up" Ultimate Frisbee tournament.

The UVA-Wise Ultimate Frisbee Club will host seven teams from Duke University, Wake Forest University, Old Dominion University, Virginia Tech, Eastern Tennessee University, The University of North Carolina at Asheville and one local Johnson City team called The Llamas.

For club founder and president, Eric Craighead, a junior business administration major, the tournament has been a long process in the making.

"We started putting this together in early July and just spread the word from there," Craighead said. "I got people from local schools in my home area to come, and it just kind of built up momentum."

The inaugural tournament's planning has created some headaches thus far.

"This time there was no entry fee for the tournament, which was kind of a hassle because I learned that, if you don't put in an entry fee, people can just drop out whenever they want," Craighead said. "We started at 14 teams, and when the tournament got closer, it just slowly dropped."

Fortunately, ultimate Frisbee is a sport that only requires a Frisbee, cones, a playing surface and two teams.

"It's great [that] there's really no cost; it's just setting up the fields and that's basically it," Craighead said. "We did this tournament to really just actually play and to get our club on campus out there [on the collegiate Frisbee scene], and since we've done this, we've already got a bid from ETSU to play in their tournament in November."

Currently, UVA-Wise Ultimate Frisbee Club has around fifteen members, but they are always looking for more.

"Truthfully, I just would like people to show up [to the tournament] and see for themselves if they



Photo courtesy of Eric Craighead
Eric Craighead makes a catch over a challenging defender. Craighead is founder of the Wise Ultimate Frisbee Club, which will host the first-ever "Highland Tune-Up" this Saturday.

like it because that's how it started originally - just a group of friends coming out and playing and more people showed up," Craighead said. "It's a sport where you don't have many injuries and there's no contact, but still there's competitiveness while overall still being just fun playing it."

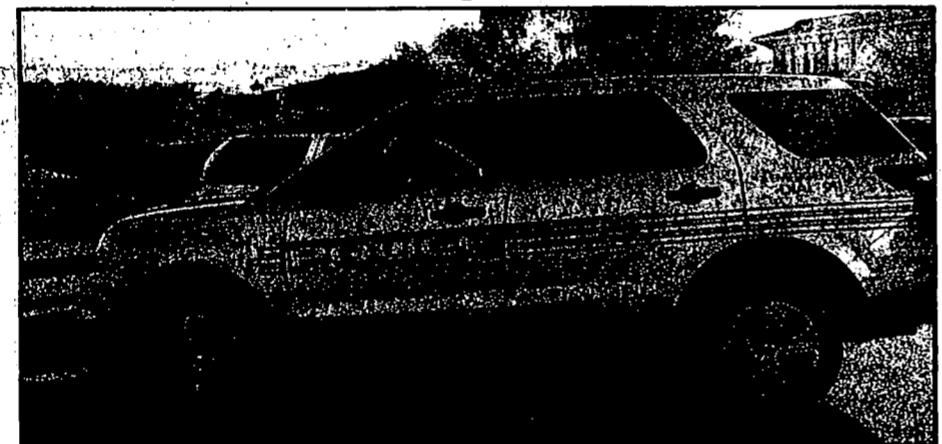
The tournament will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on the intramural field and surrounding areas.

Play on Saturday will determine the seeds for Sunday's single elimination bracket.

First- and second-place winners will receive free admission to the UVA-Wise Ultimate Frisbee Club's spring tournament.

Admission to the fall competition is free.

Police leasing new vehicles



Jessica Shartouny | The Highland Cavalier

One of two new police vehicles that the college is leasing sits in the designated police parking spot outside of Crockett Hall. Older vehicles are still being used for short trips around campus.

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As students returned to campus, they may have noticed a few changes around them. One such change is the use of new campus police vehicles.

The older campus police vehicles were becoming costly and unreliable with age and use, said Joe Kiser, director of college services.

Campus police officers needed more reliable transportation, which is why the campus is leasing police vehicles from the Virginia Department of General Services, Kiser said.

Leasing two vehicles, one of which is a 2013 Police Edition Ford Explorer, will cost the college about \$400 a month per vehicle, though the college will be reimbursed for maintenance and tune-ups," he said.

One of the vehicles is equipped with stealth decals, which are black decals on the sides that prohibit drivers from seeing the police logos until their headlights shine on the vehicle.

The other vehicle is unmarked so that it can be used for transporting visitors and other jobs that may require the police to be low-profile," Kiser said.

There are several benefits to

having these new police vehicles, Kiser said.

"It's amazing because they're new and warranted," he said. "The state pays for their maintenance and they're set up to be police vehicles. These are set up to be able to accommodate the police to respond quickly."

The old campus police vehicles are still being used around campus for short trips between construction sites and other short-distance needs.

In the future, Kiser said he hopes to get the campus on a cyclical replacement plan with the state to be able to replace vehicles if necessary due to excessive wear.

et cetera

Parking ticket money used for maintenance



Jordan Fifer | The Highland Cavalier

Sergeant Ronnie Shortt writes a ticket for a car parked in a faculty spot. Money collected from payment of fines amounts to \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year, Shortt said, and the money is used to maintain parking lots on campus as well as cameras and emergency phones.

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Your alarm doesn't go off, you wake up 15 minutes before class and then you park in the closest spot to class to rush in on time, only to come out to a white ticket on your vehicle's windshield.

Fines for traffic violations at the college range from \$20 for minor parking violations and speeding to \$100 for parking in a disabled parking spot without a permit.

Students who receive a ticket have a hold placed on their account until they pay the fine.

"Money collected varies based on the number of tickets issued," said UVA-Wise Sgt. Ronnie Shortt. "It's generally between \$25,000 to 30,000 a year."

Shortt said that ticket money fills a hole in the police department's budget.

"Primarily we use the money to maintain lots," Shortt said. "We can't use any money from the state, so we use it for parking lot improvements, cameras and emergency phones on campus."

Freshman biochemistry major Channing West, a commuter student, has never gotten a ticket on campus, but said that using ticket money to repair lots is a positive.

"I think it's good that they're using the money for productive things," West said. "Even though it is a punishment, it is also benefiting us, and that's great."

He said he thinks that the money should be used for improvements to the commuter lot above the Science Center.

"I think something that would be worth fixing is the few pot holes in the upper campus parking lot," West said. "They are pretty terrible on your car if you forget they are there."



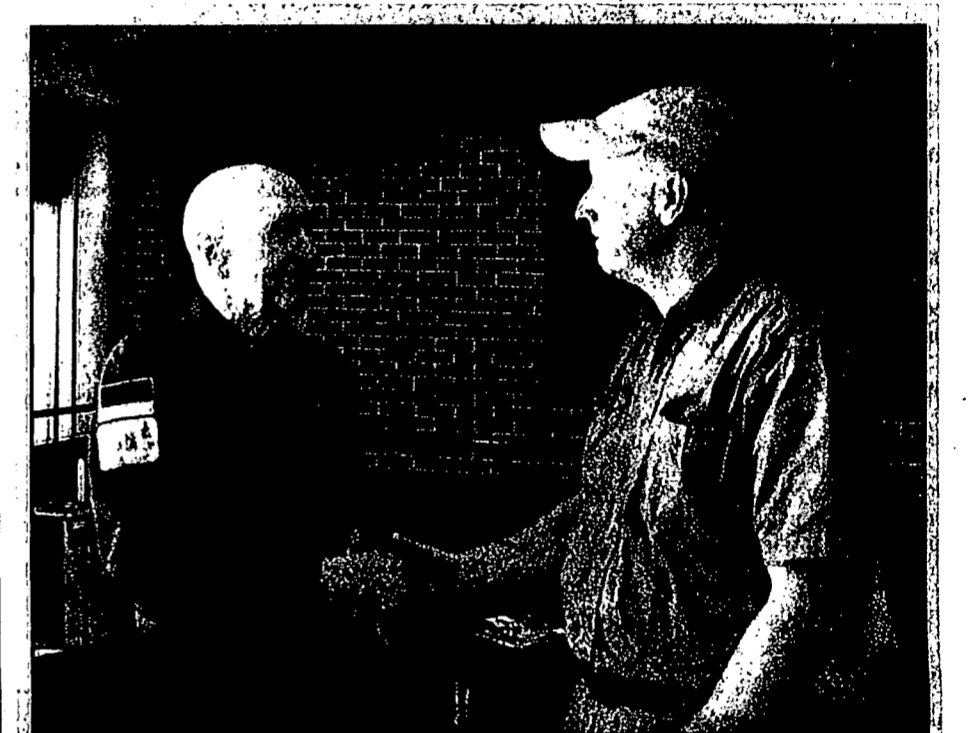
The SVEA Chapter at UVA-Wise hosted their annual children's event Sept. 22. This year, instead of "Funtasia," SVEA took a different approach to the event by devoting the entire theme to "The Lorax Returns."

The children who attended enjoyed face painting, inflatables, hair dye, cotton candy and a variety of games and activities created specifically for the Lorax event. The Lorax even showed up to meet the children!

"The Lorax Returns" was also sponsored by SGA and student fees, NSTA and a grant funded by NEA. Several members of the education department and education students also participated in the event!

For more pictures of the event, you can go to our SVEA Facebook page: "Student Virginia Education Association (UVAWISE)."

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A story from the hit CBS show CSI: NY
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Robert Vangundy, teaching fellow in geology, speaks at a lecture in the Science Center. Gail Halvorsen after a lecture in the Science Center on Oct. 7 (Halvorsen flew planes for the U.S. Army Air Corps during the Berlin Airlift in 1948 to deliver supplies to Germans in Soviet-controlled Berlin. After landing in 1947, he and his children secretly began dropping candy for the children, signaling the delivery by wiggling his plane's wings, earning him the nickname "Uncle Sam's Wings." Eventually, Halvorsen's commanding officer discovered the operation and allowed it to continue officially and expand, gaining support from volunteers in the U.S. who donated candy and handkerchiefs for parachutes and helped to the packages. Within six months, approximately 250,000 parachutes had been returned to children in Berlin. "Berlin needed food and freedom," Halvorsen said.)

5 things students dread
After Fall Break
Compiled by The Highland Cavalier

1. Take-home homework that never really made it home.
2. Opening the fridge. - Q: "How can you differ between black mold and regular mold?" A: "I don't know, check G-Unit."
3. That guy/girl you didn't text over break. "That 8:00 is going to be real awkward."
4. Getting graded papers back. - "I'm pretty sure I blacked out and wrote about Lincoln on my pre-cal exam."
5. Forgot to pay the rent. Homeless.

SGA
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ing." Justice said.
There are limits on what and how much SGA will fund.
"SGA doesn't usually pay for food, but they will help pay for whatever it takes to get the event happening, and their general policy is to only pay half, but sometimes they will break with that more or less depending on what the funds look like," Justice said.
Individuals cannot typically receive SGA funds unless they are participating in an event associated with a campus organization.
In addition, senators who are involved in organizations requesting funds must abstain from all votes regarding those funds.
For any students or organizations seeking to receive allocated funds, SGA meets at 1 p.m. on Fridays in the Rhododendron Room.
Students are also welcome to join an SGA committee and can contact Josh Justice or SGA President Phillip Blevins.

Homecoming queen defends campaign

Submitted by Brittanee Jones in response to the Oct. 3 article "The mockery of homecoming court"

Last week I read Corey Sanchez's article in the school paper. I was highly disappointed in the idea represented about the campaigns of those wanting to be on the court.

It was never my purpose to "beg" for votes, so I sincerely apologize. My campaign team and I tried to create something that would catch people's attention. That was my reason for making posters, mini posters, banners, stickers and placards. Students have to find out about the candidates somehow!

This is my fifth year here at UVA-Wise, and, up until last year, I had no

clue who any of the people running for homecoming queen or king were. I wanted to vote, but then I logged into the student portal and found ten names of people who I've never heard of. So, when I voted, I picked the most American name or someone for some other made up reason. I didn't see any fliers, posters, banners, et cetera. My friends didn't know who they were, so I had no clue who to vote for.

It has been my understanding that alumni, friends and family return to UVA-Wise to see school improvements, to watch the football game and to see the previous homecoming king and queen crown the new homecoming king and queen.

The "Alumni returns takes plan-

ning" article last week said the same thing I was thinking. This article stated how anxious alumni really are about the new homecoming queen and king. Pam Collie, Director of Alumni Relations, was quoted saying "When they return and see the many changes, they are able to see how their financial support over the years is paying it forward to the students today. I know they also enjoy seeing the homecoming court and the crowning of the new king and queen since this has been a part of campus life since 1954."

Winning homecoming queen will not help me get a job or better my resume, but it will make a great memory. I have the opportunity to return next year to crown the new queen, and I'm looking

forward to it.

I feel that being a part of the homecoming court is an honor, even if you don't win, and, for me, it's a way to show my school spirit.

I think that regardless of what you are running for, you should promote yourself to the best of your ability. And despite that, I know you can't please everybody.

I understand that the United States' presidential election is approaching. In the end, how you vote on college matters or government elections is solely up to you, but no decision will be made without the opinion of the populous.

Jones is a senior administration of justice major

Rock your right to vote

Submitted by Kande Wallace

With the political season in full swing and election campaigns running rampant on television, YouTube and all over the radio, one would think that everyone would place an importance on the election.

However, with Facebook feeds blowing up about politics and opinions on which candidate is better for the country, there are still quite a few people who have the idea that "my vote doesn't count" or "it doesn't matter what I think."

I recently turned 18. One of my newfound privileges that I'm most excited about is not being considered an adult or being able to buy tobacco products. It's voting. I grew up around my grandfather who has always been involved in political life, and he taught me the importance of being involved and using my rights that so many women before me fought their entire lives to obtain.

But it's not just women who should realize the importance of exercising the right to vote - everyone should. We live in a democratic society, and we choose our leaders. We are the key to government. In other words,

what the majority of us want is what we'll get.

For the people who think their vote doesn't matter, it does. Every vote counts. Of course you aren't voting directly for the president, but your vote (and the majority vote) will decide the Electoral College vote.

It just so happens that Virginia is a battleground for votes this year. This means Virginia is unpredictable, and because of that we as a state hold a lot of influence over the presidency. Plus, if you are from this area (Southwest Virginia or the 9th district), we are even more of a big part of who Virginia votes for.

Keeping all this in mind, especially as a Southwest Virginian, I really have no idea how some people could think our votes do not matter or take voting for granted. We have had centuries of suffrage and fighting for our freedoms (voting being one of them) for a reason. We cannot discard it as an unimportant inconvenience.

If it's simply a matter of not liking the candidates or being uninformed, do a little research and find out what they are all about. Base your vote on what you think would be best for your country, your area and you as an individual.

Rock your right on Nov. 6!

Wallace is a junior art major.

Your paper needs your voice

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Sometimes, when a new edition of The Highland Cavalier comes out, there are still more than a few dozen papers left on the rack from the last edition.

One would think that in two weeks 2,000 students could easily pick up the number of papers we put out, though maybe everyone shares.

A more reasonable conclusion is that the paper is just not interesting enough for some of the student body to read.

Hey, we know that not every article is exciting or some are even boring, but our primary job is to cover

the most essential student issues on campus.

Covering fun topics is a luxury that can only happen when the necessities are covered.

Additionally, what we think is fun and interesting may not appeal to you. So we would like to welcome the student body, since we are the student newspaper, to tell us what you would like to have in the paper.

If you feel that a specific topic would benefit the student body, whether informatively or aesthetically, then your voice deserves to be heard. You can contact anybody on the editorial board for more information on how to get your words in print or your ideas realized.

Make us better. Start writing.



The tissue issue: New dispensers don't square up

By Corey Sanchez
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Have you stepped in a restroom stall on campus lately?

If not, good for you. If so, you'll understand.

There is a new wave sweeping the campus restroom - new toilet paper dispensers.

The old reliable toilet paper roll we have come to know and love has been taken away from us and has been replaced by a massive machine that dispenses a square sheet of paper.

These dispensers are like a large upside-down tissue box and are very futuristic looking, but lack dependability.

The move is understandable from the standpoint of conserving resources.

But when conservation interferes with comfort, people should rise up and let their voices be heard.

Why must we fall to the oppression of unsatisfying miniature square toilet paper?

The new paper has left me scratching my head.

How does this make sense?

If anything, it seems to make using the restroom somewhat uncom-

fortable.

The restroom should do just that - provide rest for those who desire it.

To that end, toilet tissue should be soft and dispensed on a roll of sheets. Not rough and as small as a Kleenex tissue.

We need toilet paper in the restrooms that remind us of Cottonelle, not Brawny.

Some might say that this move is to save money, but that is complete malarkey, especially on the issue of toilet tissue.

Here is a suggestion - why don't we delegate some student fee money to get back the old rolls of toilet paper back to where they belong.

Dispensers belong next to the sink and not the toilet bowl.

Paper towels, on the other hand, can be housed in a dispenser.

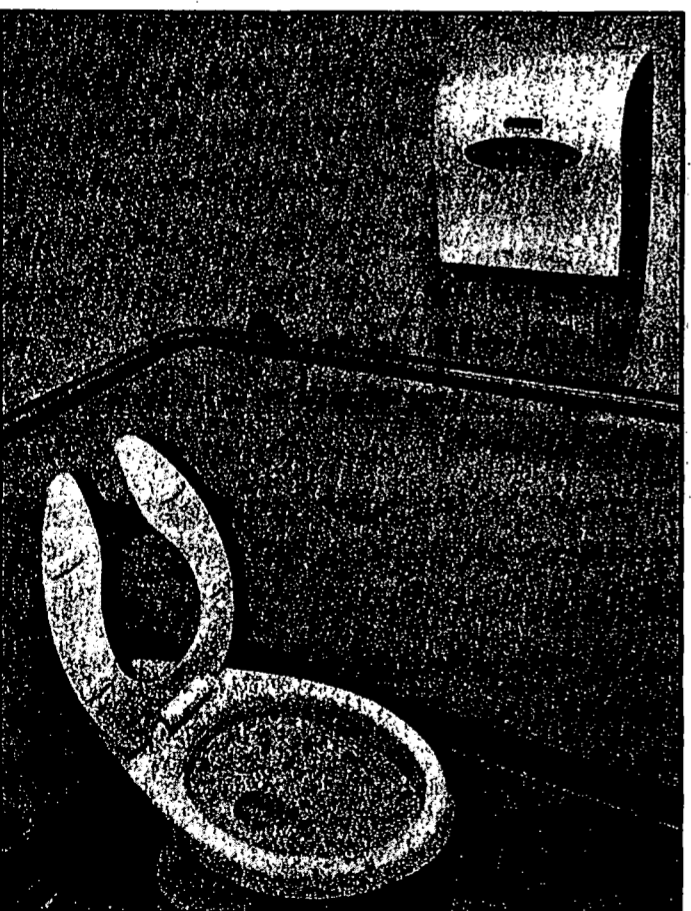
In the words of a Trace Adkins song, "you're gonna miss this, you're gonna want this back."

Just think about that when you're pulling squares out of the dispenser instead of tearing off paper.

Remember the good old days of the long toilet paper rolls.

Never forget the comfort you felt.

Good luck, and remember this life lesson: never sacrifice comfort for conservation.



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A new toilet paper dispenser sits in the men's room in the Student Leadership Wing of the Slemp Student Center. The roll holders in the building were recently replaced with the dispensers.

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Associated Collegiate Press

Volleyball finds stride late in season

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The Cavalier women's volleyball team was busy while other students were away on break, posting a record of 3-3.

In the Maroon Invitational held Oct. 5 at Roanoke College, the Cavs fell to Hollins University in four sets, and Randolph University was able to outlast the Cavs in a total of 5 sets.

Sophomore Veronica Sanchez pulled out a total of 75 assists in the two games along side freshman India Dillard's 33 kills. On the second day of the

tournament, the Cavs started out with a 3 set victory over Roanoke College.

However, Averett University proved to be a tougher opponent and pulled a win over the Cavs in 4 sets.

Sanchez finished out the day with 69 assists accompanied by 26 kills from Dillard and 29 digs from sophomore Britni Altman.

Following the Maroon Invitational, the Cavs battled the University of Pikeville Bears. The Cavs lost the first set, but quickly found their footing and swept through the next three sets to pull out with a 3-1 victory over the Bears.

Sanchez aided the win with 43 assists during the

game. Altmann and Dillard, along with junior Lindsey Burke and freshman Allison Ring, contributed to the game with double-digit kill totals.

The Cavs' victory against the Bears carried over to the match against West Virginia Tech, where they snuffed out the Golden Bears in 3 sets.

Altmann finished the game with 12 digs, while Sanchez finished with 29 assists.

The three wins bring the Cavs' total record of the season to 5-18 while improving to 2-6 in Mid-South play.

The Cavs looked to add a sixth win to the season when they take on Bluefield College late Tuesday night in the David J. Prior Convocation Center.

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downs of the Knights in the fourth quarter. The Cavs would only get the ball two more times in the fourth quarter, but both drives ended on punts as they fell to the Knights 28-7.

Johnston finished the ballgame for the Knights with 84 yards rushing with two touchdowns and 203 yards passing with one throwing score.

Cavs defensive coordinator Justin Hamilton noticed that Johnston had several big plays on the Cavs' defense.

"When you're ball watching in a zone read offense, you're going to give up big plays, and that's what we did tonight," Hamilton said after the game.

Younger finished the ballgame with four catches for 79 yards and Cochran finished the game with 23 yards rushing.

After giving up more than 400 yards of total offense to opponents four times this year, the Cavs defense look to the remaining games to turn that around.

"At that point in the season, your play will show your character, not what your Facebook page says you are or what your Twitter status says you are," Hamilton said about his defense's play the rest of the season. "If you're a fighter, it will show. If you're soft, it will show."

With the loss, the Cavs fall to 2-6 on the season and 0-2 in Mid-South play. The win improves the Knights to 4-3 on the season and 1-1 in Mid-South action.

On Saturday, the Cavs will travel to Williamsburg, Ky., to face the nationally-ranked University of the Cumberlands with kickoff set for 1:30 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Richard Meade
Senior defensive back Marcus Bratton (9) cuts around the corner returning a punt 90 yards for a touchdown Oct. 13 against Kentucky Christian University.

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the rest of the game and didn't disappoint, finishing the game with six tackles and one sack, earning himself the coach-chosen player of the game title and a starting position in the remaining games this year.

Comer's teammates were ecstatic to see someone successfully come through the gray shirt program, though Comer praised former defensive back Matt Gular for being by his side through all his trials and tribulations.

"I really looked up to [Gular]," Comer said. "He was my big brother."

Comer finished fourth on the team in tackles with 43 in 2010, and in 2011 he finished with 60 tackles, three sacks and an interception. Through eight games so far this year, Comer is ranked second in the Mid-South with 72 tackles and has averaged nine tackles per contest.

Though off the field Comer is an average college student, he turns into a different person when the pads are on and nothing, not even a head-on collision, can keep him off the field.

"I have had coaches tell me that I have a mental switch I can flip on when it's game time that other people cannot," Comer said.

Lusk has noticed Comer's drive and recognizes how far he's come since he started. "He's the kind of success story that you like to tell people about," Lusk said. "He came from the bottom and worked his way up to the top, becoming a starter and a captain."

Comer's dad and other supporters are what give him his motivation. Comer's family members are his biggest supporters and regularly make a three-hour drive from Bedford to Wise to watch him play. Comer's dad has never missed a home game.

"When I get on the field, and I see my dad in the stands, [who] never got a shot at college football, I just do it for him and all the people who have supported," Comer said. "It's a loss if you go through the program and show no improvement."

As if rising from the gray shirts wasn't enough for Comer, he is also biology major, an uncommon program for an athlete.

To balance both time-consuming programs, Comer has had to sacrifice a lot in order to study or write a lab report in the time he has outside of football practice.

"My father tells me every day that it's going to pay off, and I pray to God every night that it does because it's so rough," Comer said.

His professors have noted his dedication to both his academics and his sports. "It takes a great deal of time management to be able to work it all in," said Robin Woodard, associate professor of biology.

One of Comer's biggest academic hurdles this semester is a seven-hour quantitative analytical chemistry class taught by Associate Professor of Chemistry Walter Crouse. The class consists of three hours of lecture and four hours of lab per week and the labs often take longer than scheduled.

Crouse goes to lab early twice a week so Comer can get his lab done and be at football practice on time.

"I give all the credit especially to Dr. Crouse for being able to work with me," Comer said. "Some professors will work with you and some won't whether you're an athlete or not."

Crouse is willing to assist Comer whenever he needs it because he appreciates Comer's dedication to his studies, Crouse said.

"We have students that want to accomplish their academic goals and we have some students that want to do the least amount possible," said Crouse. "Derek is in the first [category]."

Comer also has a physics lab that makes him miss half of practice once a week, which is something college athletes aren't usually allowed to do, but Lusk and Defensive Coordinator Justin Hamilton give Comer the time because they understand that there is life after football and that Comer wants to graduate the year.

"He is intelligent, he gives everything he's got in everything he does and he is passionate about it," Hamilton said. "He's a student of the game; he will ask questions during film and practice."

Though Comer is enjoying his football stardom now, he keeps his future plans in mind. He is planning to graduate in May with a degree in biology and wants to enter the wildlife and forestry field, though he doesn't know specifically where he will end up.

"When I look at the end of the tunnel, and if I complete what I set out to, it will be my greatest accomplishment by far," Comer said.

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Games of the Week

#9 South Carolina Gamecocks @ #3 Florida Gators

It will be the eighth edition of the "Steve Spurrier Classic" when No. 9 South Carolina travels to the "swamp" to battle No. 3 Florida inside of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Gators remain undefeated on the season after winning on the road against Vanderbilt. Last week, the Gamecocks fell from the ranks of the unbeaten after being defeated on the road at LSU.

Both teams sit atop the Eastern Division in the Southeastern Conference. Florida and South Carolina are also bowl eligible by winning at least six games on the season.

Look for the great possibility of a defensive struggle as both teams rank in the top ten in scoring defense. The two teams are both giving up an average of only 12.3 points per contest to opposing offenses.

The Gators are averaging just fewer than 28 points per game on offense, while the Gamecocks score 34 points per game.

Senior running back Mike Gillalee is putting up impressive numbers for Florida, rushing for 615 yards coupled with seven

Washington Redskins @ New York Giants

The battle for first place in the NFC Eastern Division reaches a new level, as the Washington Redskins travel to East Rutherford, New Jersey to take on the New York Giants inside of MetLife Stadium.

The Giants are coming off a dominant defensive performance in San Francisco, where they picked off three passes and sacked quarterback Alex Smith six times en route to a 26-3 win.

It was display of offensive excellence for the Redskins, as rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III continued to amaze spectators with a 76-yard touchdown run to cap off a 38-28 victory.

This will be the first of two meetings between the Redskins and Giants.

Washington won both games last season against the defending Super Bowl Champions.

On offense New York is led by two time Super Bowl MVP quarterback Eli Manning, and he will look to take advantage of Washington's 32nd-ranked pass defense. Manning will look to wide receiver Victor Cruz and Hakeem Nicks to expose holes in the Redskins' secondary.

For the Redskins, the rookie duo of Griffin and running back Alfred Morris has the offense ranked in the top three in both points per game and rushing yards.

Griffin has completed 70 percent of his passes, while Morris is averaging 4.6 yards per carry.

The Giants on defense are led by defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul who has 3.5 sacks on the young season.

Linebacker Michael Boley has three interceptions, which is good enough for the team lead.

Linebacker Ryan Kerrigan leads Washington in sacks with 3.5. Cornerback DeAngelo Hall had the most tackles and interceptions on the team thus far during the season.

This will be the 161st meeting in the 80 year rivalry between the Giants and Redskins. New York has dominated the all time series with a 92-64-4 record.

Fox will carry the NFC East clash, with kickoff at 1 p.m.

Upcoming Games

► Football

The Highland Cavaliers will travel to The University of the Cumberlands Saturday for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff. The game can be heard on www.waxm.com.

► Volleyball

The Highland Cavalier volleyball team will travel to Virginia Intermont College Wednesday. The Cavs will host Cumberland University and St. Catharine College on Saturday as part of the Mid-South Conference Crossover.

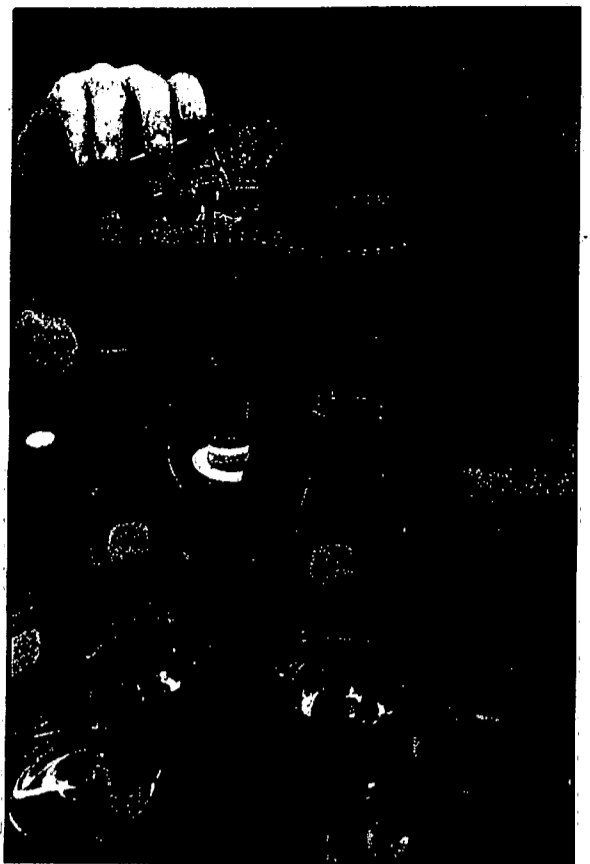
► Cross-Country

The men's and women's cross-country teams will compete in the South-Eastern Classic on the campus of Berea College in Berea, Ky.

From the locker room to the lab



Jordan Fifer | The Highland Cavalier



Jessica Shartouay | The Highland Cavalier

(Left) Senior linebacker Derek Comer (33) makes a tackle against Union College on Sept. 24, 2011. (Right) Senior biology major Derek Comer measures out a solution during a quantitative analytical chemistry lab.

Football player juggles football and biology

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Robert Frost wrote about the road less traveled. Senior linebacker Derek Comer has lived those lines in his five years on campus, playing football each year while simultaneously pursuing a biology degree, a feat that most athletes don't attempt. Many of Comer's teammates arrived with a guaranteed spot on the team, but Comer only came in with a hope and not even a spot on the sideline. When Comer arrived on campus in the fall of 2008, he was listed as a gray shirt, a student who isn't officially on the team and needs a little more seasoning and time in the weight room. Comer didn't apply to Wise; he was considering going to Virginia Tech as a student instead of a football player. "I was too small and underdeveloped to play at the next level," Comer said. UVA-Wise's current football Head Coach Dewey Lusk, who was then the offensive coordinator, went to Comer's high school in 2008 to speak to the football players about Wise's football program. Since one of Comer's friends wanted to attend UVA-Wise, Comer applied to the college after Lusk's presentation.

"It was difficult coming from being a four-year starter in high school to being on the backburner with no limelight," said Comer. There were 42 other players who arrived at Wise that year as gray shirts aspiring to make the team the following season.

Comer stood on the sidelines for the first season and patiently waited until winter to start lifting and preparing for spring practice, noticing that the players, like former star quarterback Randy Hippeard, were on another level. Doubting his chances of making the team, Comer even looked into transferring to another school and quitting football.

When spring came around, Comer impressed the coaches and earned his chance to start on the special teams.

Comer's dedication earned him the college's Special Teams Player of the Year in 2009. With the award and experience in his back pocket, Comer was ready for some starting time as linebacker. "The award and that year really gave me a lot of inspiration," he said.

In 2010, Comer split playing time with former linebacker Benji Poindexter.

"As far as on paper, he had me by a mile," Comer said.

In September, however, Poindexter broke his ankle on the very first play of the game. Comer played in his place

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Football looking for home win

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A week removed from their second win of the season, the UVA-Wise Cavaliers took on Mid-South East foe, the Kentucky Christian Knights. The Cavs couldn't find an answer for the Knights as they racked up 493 yards of total offense and had the ball for 44:42 minutes of the game.

The Cavs managed just 122 total yards of offense as the team fell victim to a 28-7 loss to the Knights.

The Knights opened the game with a bang as sophomore return man Stanley Peterson broke off a 71-yard return on the opening kickoff. This was bad news for the Cavs as the Knights scored on their second play from scrimmage on a 28-yard strike from sophomore Graham Johnston to fellow sophomore Lane Knost to jump out to an early 7-0 lead with 13:45 on the clock in the first quarter.

The Cavs' opening drive was one of their better ones of the game as freshman quarterback Cullen Lavoie completed a big pass to freshman Zach Cochran for 18 yards. Lavoie later completed another big pass to freshman Terrance Younger for a 19 yard completion in which Younger went up in the air to grab.

Younger had a breakout performance last week against Bluefield College as he grabbed three balls for 92 yards. Head coach Dewey Lusk said that Younger, his playmaker, has been "making some plays and we have to make big plays."

The Knights' second drive took over seven minutes, as Johnston picked up big yardage. Johnston would cap off the 74-yard drive with a one yard rushing touchdown to take a 14-0

lead with 2:46 left in the first quarter.

The Cavs had no answer for Johnston as he crushed them all night long.

"We have worked all week on that, and we didn't execute on it," Lusk said as the Knights' quarterbacks ran for 132 yards. "Let's give them credit; their quarterbacks can run and they ran zone read to perfection."

The Knights' next score would come early in the second quarter as Johnston converted several big third down conversions.

Johnston would finish off the drive with a two yard rushing touchdown to take a 21-0 lead over the Cavs.

As the second quarter was winding down, there were three turnovers in four plays. After forcing the Knights to punt, and a big completion for 39 yards from Lavoie to Younger, Lavoie fumbled the ball back to the Knights. One play later, a Johnston pass was tipped by Cav freshman Antonio Penn and sophomore Hayden Chandley grabbed the interception for the Cavs.

After that turnover, the Cavs threw an interception as a Lavoie pass was caught by Julian Stewart, who tried to lateral to a teammate, but the ball was caught by the Knights' Marvin Newkirk.

The Cavs received the ball to start the second half, and turned the ball over on a Lavoie interception. The turnover gave the Knights great field position, and they received a 28-0 advantage over the Cavs. The Knights as they controlled the ball for almost 11 minutes in the third quarter.

The Cavs' only score came on a 90-yard punt return by senior special teams extraordinaire, Marcus Bratton, to pull the Cavs within three touch

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Marcus Bratton returned a punt 90 yards for a touchdown in Saturday's 28-7 football loss

Veronica Sanchez recorded 218 assists in the past six volleyball games

