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Kandee Wallace | The Highland Cavalier

(From left to right) Junior Matt Parker, sophomore Tyler Robinette, junior Veronica Sanchez (15), sophomore Cullen Lavoil (11), sophomore Zach Cochran (20), junior Brittni Altmann (10), sophomore Makenzie Cluesman, senior Emily Brock.

(Commentary)

NCAA is a big move for Cavs

Dear Highland Cavaliers!

Welcome back to a new academic year! UVA-Wise Athletics is transitioning to NCAA Division II competition, and some changes are coming. As an ardent fan of college sports, and coming from a university with a successful NCAA Division I athletics program, I bring leadership experience in transitioning across athletics associations. While I was dean, FGCU transitioned to NCAA Division I sports. I chaired the Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance subcommittee of the self-study Steering Committee. The experience allowed me to delve into NCAA rules and compliance and to better understand the importance of athletics oversight and policy development.

Upon my arrival at UVA-Wise, I met with Athletic Director Danny Sterling and the athletics staff to learn about our program's organization and operation. I am happy to report that our athletics program is in very good shape. Over the past year, UVA-Wise implemented a comprehensive NCAA compliance program and increased its academic program. This summer the UVA-Wise athletics program advanced into candidacy year two of a three-year NCAA Division II membership process because of the hard work of Sim Ewing, Danny Sterling, Kendall Rainey, Tom Nyman, faculty representative Tom Costa, coaches and staff. The transition reflects the College's vision of providing the best opportunities for our deserving and dedicated student-athletes. The notoriety of the NCAA brand and the resources afforded members will advance UVA-Wise Athletics to the next level.

UVA-Wise is an inaugural member of the new Mountain East Conference. The MEC, with 12 Division II NCAA schools, begins its first season this fall. The conference, based in Bridgeport, W.Va., is made up of several schools formerly in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletics Conference. This includes: University of Charleston, Concord University, Fairmont State University, Glenville State College, Shepherd University, West Liberty University, Wheeling Jesuit University, West Virginia State College and West Virginia Wesleyan College. The conference is also comprised of three new schools outside of West Virginia. They include: Notre Dame College in Ohio, The University of Virginia's College at Wise, and Urbana College in Ohio.

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MOUNTAIN EAST

University of Charleston Golden Eagles

Founded in 1888
 Located in Charleston, W.Va.
 Student Enrollment: 1,400
 School Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Travel Time: Two hours and 54 minutes
 Interesting Fact: Morris Harvey (now known as University of Charleston) was the site of the first "Sadie Hawkins Day" on Nov. 11, 1938.



Concord University Mountain Lions

Founded in 1871
 Located in Athens, W.Va.
 Student Enrollment: 2,797
 School Colors: Maroon & Gray
 Travel Time: Two hours and 27 minutes
 Interesting Fact: Freida J. Riley is a notable alumnus of Concord University. Riley was the high school teacher that influenced the Rocket Boys, which were the subjects of the movie "October Sky."



Fairmont State University Fighting Falcons

Founded in 1865
 Located in Fairmont, W.Va.
 Student Enrollment: 4,500
 School Colors: Maroon & White
 Travel Time: Four hours and 55 minutes
 Interesting Fact: Fairmont State boasts the first collegiate national championship in football in the state of West Virginia by winning the NAIA championship in 1967 over Eastern Washington 28-21.



Glenville State College Pioneers

Founded in 1872
 Located in Glenville, W.Va.
 Student Enrollment: 1,900
 School Colors: Blue & White
 Travel Time: Four hours and 25 minutes
 Interesting Fact: Rich Rodriguez, current head football coach at the University of Arizona and formerly the head coach at Michigan and West Virginia, led the Glenville State program to a runner-up finish in the 1993 NAIA national championship.



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Lusk and Cavs ready to start new journey

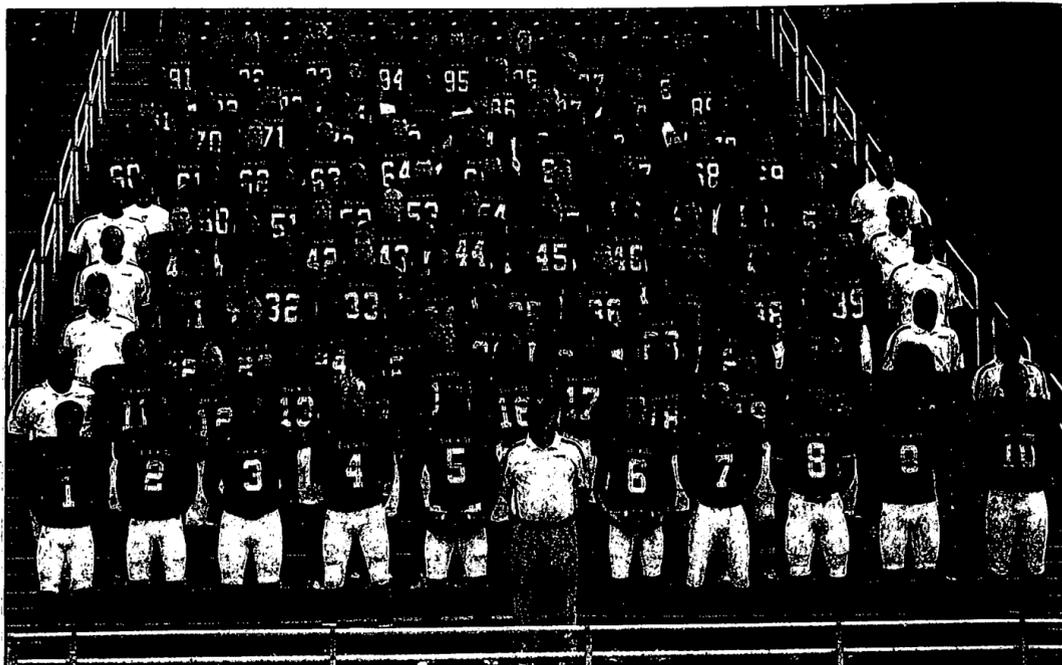


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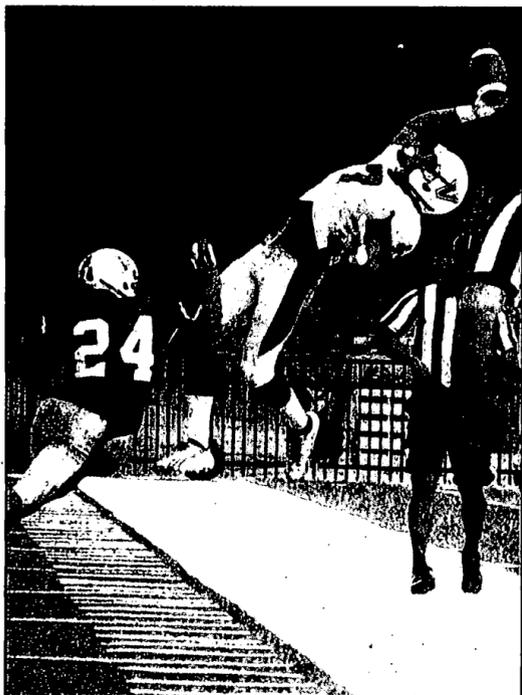
When the sun set behind Carl Smith Stadium on Nov. 10, 2012 the UVa-Wise Cavaliers said goodbye to the Mid-South Conference and the NAIA. As the sun rose on Aug. 10 the Cavs welcomed the Mountain East Conference affiliated with NCAA Division II.

"We have a Christmas present and can't wait to open it," Head Coach Dewey Lusk said when referring to the new conference. "But what's inside, you don't know. We got to gain some experience. We have learned a lot of things with the rules and regulations and compliance. It's been a lot of paperwork, but we're ready to play football."

Lusk and his Cavs are coming off of a disappointing 2012 season in which the Cavs went 3-8 and went 0-5 at home. The 2012 season began with a shocker; the Cavs defeated the No. 11 team in the country, the Bethel University Wildcats, in a 24-21 overtime victory.

The Cavs are returning 35 lettermen from last year's team and 15 starters with the offense returning nine starters and the defense returning six.

The offense returns several key players, including four linemen senior Michael Barbour and sophomores Kevin Enix, Dustin McGill and Jose Urrutia. They will be protecting sophomore quarterback Cullen Lavoi and sophomore running back Zach Cochran.



Josh Weaver | The Highland Cavalier

Sophomore Terrence Younger (7) goes up for an amazing grab in front of freshman cornerback Jeff Parker (24) in a scrimmage Aug. 31 at Carl Smith Stadium. Younger looks to lead the Cavs' passing attack Saturday at Campbell University.

Lavoi will have returning wide receivers, sophomore Julian Stewart and sophomore Terrence Younger, to throw to. Younger, the 2012 Mid-South Conference East Division Offensive Freshman of the Year, caught 24 balls for 515 yards and a touchdown in just five games last season.

"He's picked up right where he left off from last year," Lusk said about Younger.

Stewart led the team in touchdown catches with four a season ago. In his freshman campaign Lavoi threw for 1,636 yards and seven touchdowns in nine starts. The Cavs have started several quarterbacks in the past couple of seasons, but Lavoi looks to take what he learned in his freshman season and turn it into a promising sophomore campaign.

"Last season, I learned a lot about every game," Lavoi said. "It was a learning experience with the speed of the game with the offense."

Lavoi mentioned that several of his teammates stayed in Wise during the summer and worked out. This is the kind of work ethic and leadership that the Cavs will need to be successful at the Division II level.

Lavoi could possibly be in the midst of another quarterback battle this season. Redshirt freshmen Jeremy Eubank and freshman Ty Ryans both have had good camps.

"We are tickled with our quarterback play so far," Lusk said "Cullen [Lavoi] has matured and [is] doing fine."

With the Mountain East Conference being known as a running conference, Lavoi will need his offensive line to protect him as he hands the ball off to sophomore Zach Cochran. Cochran ran for 301 yards on 75 attempts last season with five touchdowns.

The Cavs will need Cochran to step up after losing freshman running sensation Connery Swift who carried the ball 155 times for 671 yards and five touchdowns last season. Swift made the decision to transfer to the University of Toledo last spring.

Leading the way for Cochran will be senior fullback Sean Atkins. Atkins played high profile high school football in the state of Texas along with a season at the NCAA Division I University of Texas at San Antonio.

"He brings maturity and leadership to this football team that we need," Lusk said about Atkins, "He's really huge in the leadership factor to this team."

On the defensive side of the ball Defensive Coordinator Justin Hamilton only has six players coming back from last season with starting experience. Notably, Hamilton must replace leaders Marcus Bratton and Derek Comer on the defense. Comer was the heart and the leader on defense last season. Comer led the Cavs in tackles with 87.

"Comer taught me that you have to have a fire under your butt and you have to get [it] done," Sandoval said.

The Cavs, however, return with three important players on the defensive side with senior Shahiem Harris and sophomores Marcus Jones and Matt Sandoval. Jones collected 65 tackles last season in a non-starter role while Sandoval collected 55 tackles. Sandoval earned himself a Mid-South Defensive Player of the Week award last season with 12 solo tackles in a game.

"We are just trying to keep the tempo up," Sandoval said. "We got to let Coach Lusk and the offense know we have their back. If they turn the ball over we got to get it back for them."

Hamilton and his defense let teams know last year that they are going to hit hard and not give up. They will be looking for that same intensity this season as well.

"We have made a point to [the] guys that if you will hit, we will use you and if you don't, we won't," Hamilton said "I kind of stole a Virginia Tech's idea [lunch pail], we bring a hammer out every day. I told them that a hammer has one value and that's to hit things. If you do, you're one of us and if you don't, you're invaluable to us."

The Cavs defense was on the field for a lot of minutes last season and that's something Hamilton looks to work on this season.

"We got to get off the field on third down, [and] our third down efficiency has to be better," Hamilton said "No see Football, page 5

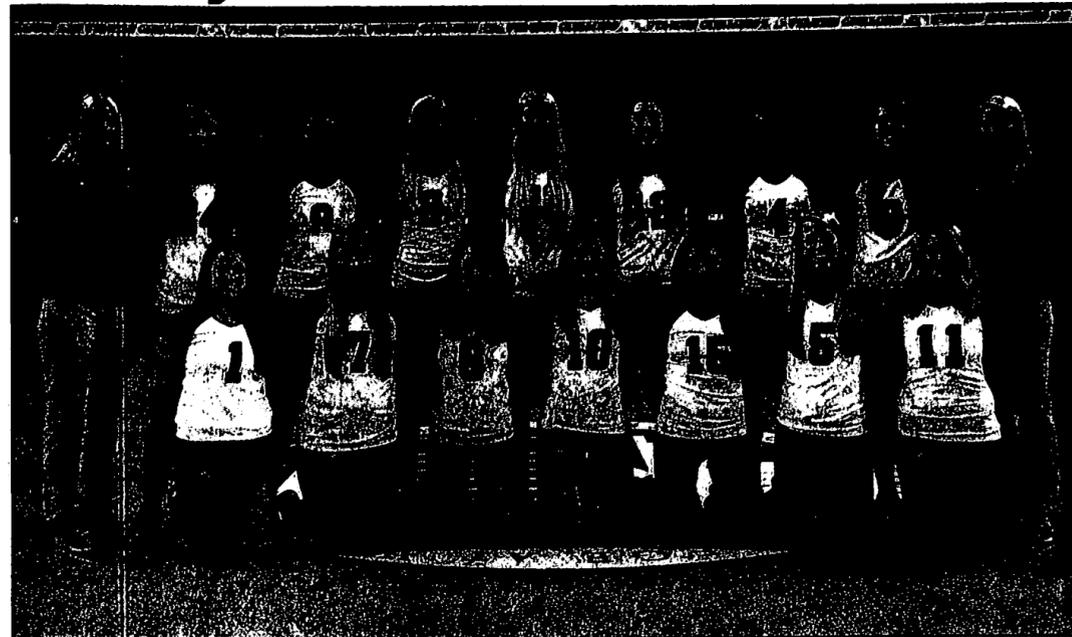


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From top (left to right): Head coach Kristen Salyer, freshman Santana Bishop (24), sophomore Maya Hamlett (9), freshman Karley Allen (2), junior Allison Ring (22), freshman Simona Zduoba (12), freshman Lindsey Tucker (4), freshman Jessica Henry (3), assistant coach Katie van Hofwegen, freshman Erin Lee (1), junior Kelsey Smith (7), freshman Kristina Hall (6), junior Britni Altmann (10), junior Veronica Sanchez (15), freshman Erin Anderson (5), junior Krista Smith (11).

Young Cavalier team fields nine freshmen 2013 Schedule

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The University of Virginia's College at Wise women's volleyball team, led by second-year Head Coach Kristen Salyer, made the debut performance for all Highland Cavalier sports as an NCAA and Mountain East Conference member Thursday at Brevard College. Following a disappointing 7-25 overall record in her first year, Salyer sees light in the future as nine freshmen join the lady Cavs this season.

"I'm excited, they're great," Salyer said in a preseason interview. "They're energetic and they're ready to go. I think this is the most energy we've ever had at the beginning of the year...I think they'll be great for our program and for the school."

Only five returners will hit the floor this fall with junior Allison Ring sidelined for the majority of the season. Salyer has already seen leadership from her veterans and cohesion amongst the team.

"Because of them and their leadership, [the] freshmen have kind of just jumped on board," Salyer said. "These freshmen are competitors. I'm not worried about them getting on the court and freezing."

At the net, Salyer will look to returning sophomore Maya Hamlett teamed with freshmen Karley Allen, Santana Bishop and Lind-

sey Tucker to make a difference. Junior Veronica Sanchez will return as setter. Salyer said she will experiment early in the season with her lineup to find the best chemistry on the court. Chemistry, Salyer said, will be key for this season's success along with following the team's new motto, "Be relentless."

"This year we want to keep from getting frustrated, stay positive, and bring the energy on the court all of the time," said junior captain Britni Altmann. "There are no moments to take breaks or be lazy or get aggravated with the situation at hand. Everything is about moving forward. We're constantly moving forward."

Moving forward is an appropriate action as the team enters a new league, new conference, and new year with a majority of freshmen. Altmann said she sees it as a fresh start and wants students to know if they come out to watch they are going to see a difference on the floor.

"Don't let the past influence whether you're coming out or not because it is going to be different. It's already different," she said.

The women's volleyball team will continue their opening six-game road stretch at The University of Pikeville Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. They begin home play Sept. 17 against Bluefield College at 6:30 p.m.

The score for last night's opener against Brevard College can be found online at uvawisecavs.com.

9/5/2013	Brevard College
9/10/2013	University of Pikeville
9/13/2013	Lees-McRae
9/13/2013	North Greenville
9/14/2013	King College
9/14/2013	Southern Wesleyan
9/17/2013	Bluefield State
9/18/2013	King College
9/25/2013	Bluefield College
9/27/2013	Fairmont State University*
9/28/2013	Shepherd*
10/1/2013	Virginia Union
10/4/2013	Wheeling Jesuit University*
10/8/2013	Concord University*
10/11/2013	Glenville State*
10/15/2013	Bluefield State
10/18/2013	Urbana University*
10/19/2013	Notre Dame*
10/22/2013	Brevard College
10/25/2013	West Virginia State*
10/26/2013	University of Charleston*
11/1/2013	West Liberty*
11/2/2013	West Virginia Wesleyan*
11/5/2013	Concord University*
11/8/2013	University of Charleston*
11/9/2013	West Virginia State*
11/15/2013	West Virginia Wesleyan*
11/16/2013	Glenville State*

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Men's golf trying to putt it together

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Fifth-year Head Coach Jim Kelly said consistency will be the key for his golfers as they enter their first season in the Mountain East Conference and the NCAA. The men's team who tees off in their first match Saturday at the Dye Intercollegiate Invitational in Urbana, Ohio looks to build on last season's late success.

Last season the Cavs won the first major tournament in program history at the Shawnee State Invitational where they posted a two-day total of 592, 12 strokes above second-place finisher The University of Pikeville. The Cavaliers became the first team in the tournament's 21-year history to have all five golfers from the same team shoot in the 70s both days of the tournament, senior Clint Lowe said.

Following the Shawnee State Invitational, the Cavaliers finished out the season with 10th and 6th place finishes at the Mid-South Spring Invitational and Roanoke College Invitational respectively.

A program on the rise, the team brings back 10 returners, five seniors and five sophomores. A Wise native, Nick England, will be the team's lone freshman.

For Lowe, the team's big win last season along with personal improvements across the board, will give the team a chance to win in each tournament regardless of this year's transition to NCAA.

"A major difference between this year and last year is the progression that all of us have made since the spring season ended," Lowe said. "We'll be fine."

Sophomore Blake Blizard shared Lowe's same thoughts about the team's chances this year. For Blizard, the team's mindset has gone from "Let's compete," to, "Let's win."

"There is a lot of potential and if we put it all together we can be tough to beat," Blizard said. "We have the chance to go in with a clean slate and start out strong."

After this weekend, the men's team will travel to Daniels, W.Va. to compete in the Glade Springs Intercollegiate Championship next weekend.

For results from this weekend's tournament, visit uvawisecavs.com.



Photo courtesy of Richard Meade

From top (left to right): sophomore Blake Blizard, senior Cody Donelan, senior David Harvey, sophomore John Hall, senior Chris Scott, senior Eric Mehl, senior Clint Lowe, sophomore Tyler Robinette, freshman Nick England, sophomore Lucas Holcomb.

Women's golf to compete as team



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(From left to right): Head Coach Leigh Clark, freshman Taylor Yeary, sophomore Makenzie Cluesman, senior Chelsea Cluesman, senior Jamie Green.

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The UVa-Wise women's golf team led by Head Coach Leigh Clark enters their second year of collegiate play Sunday at the Anderson University Tournament in Anderson, S.C. One member short of team competition in its inaugural season, the Cavaliers add Central High School's first female golfer, freshman Taylor Yeary, to the team this season.

With four players on the roster, the Cavaliers are eligible to compete as a team instead of individual players.

Entering a new conference with new possibilities, returning senior Jamie Green said she thinks a new year will bring more dedication and expectations on the course this season.

"To be competitive we will need to work hard and focus more," Green said.

Joining Green and Yeary will be reigning Mid-South Conference Freshman of the Year sophomore Makenzie Cluesman along with her sister, senior Chelsea Cluesman.

Clark will expect more consistency out of her team this season after they have gained valuable experience last season in the programs first year of existence.

"The girls just want to prove they can do better than last year. They were left disappointed by the outcome of it," Clark said. "This has led to more productive practices and the desire to get better everyday."

Chelsea Cluesman will get one last chance to play a collegiate sport with her sister Makenzie. Chelsea Cluesman was a four year standout on the women's basketball team in which she was a NAIA Honorable Mention All-American last year.

Chelsea Cluesman could have graduated, but decided to come back for another year after she learned she had another year of collegiate eligibility to play golf. That gives her one last chance to play with her sister.

Makenzie Cluesman is a duo-sport star on the golf and basketball team. This has her on a strict 20 hour-a-week schedule due to the rules of the NCAA on practice time.

She follows a schedule that cannot be broken and balances school along with being a student-athlete.

"It's a little strict but I like having certain hours, especially with two sports," she said.

The year will have many firsts for all the members of the women's golf team, such as being a member of the Mountain East Conference and being able to participate in team play with four members.

"Being able to celebrate something together would be a great feeling" freshman Taylor Yeary said.

After this weekend, the women's team will travel to Waverly, W.Va. to compete in the Ohio Valley Women's Invitational Sept. 27-29.

For results from this weekend's tournament, visit uvawisecavs.com.

Cross Country ready to run MEC

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The Highland Cavalier men's and women's cross country teams will compete in their first NCAA meet today with Virginia State University in Ettrick, Va. Fourth-year Head Coach Donald Leech said his men's team, selected 7th in a Mountain East preseason poll, and his women's team, selected 8th, are each ready for their new league and new conference.

Leech said while competition will increase with the transition he doesn't believe it will make a huge impact. Leech, who often runs along with his teams, showing them new routes and critiquing their forms, said he has three goals for his runners this season.

"I want to see [runners] adapt to the NCAA, phase in the new runners onto the team and I want to develop them," Leech said.

For the men's team senior captain, Matt Parker, his goals for the team are little bit more aggressive, saying he hopes they can "bring the heat" to the Mountain East as they look to notch at least one win on their belt this season.

"I feel that the guys can go into any race, step up and prove that we are able to compete with teams in the NCAA," Parker said. "I know that [UVa-Wise] is a small school, but we are building up in order to play well and compete with these teams [regularly]."

As his last season as a Highland Cavalier approaches, Parker said he's going to miss the closeness of the cross country program but looks for his team to leave a mark their first year in the NCAA.

Senior women's captain, Emily Brock, feels the same sentiments about her career coming to an end; but for now she's helping to build her team for the season and the future every step and practice along the way.

"As a captain, I am here for them," Brock said. "I see their strengths and weaknesses with every practice. I talk to them about how it felt and figure out ways to get better."

The men's and women's cross country teams will be back in action Sept. 14 at The Montreat College Invitational in Black Mountain, N.C.

Look for results from today's meet at Virginia State University online at uvawisecavs.com.



Photo courtesy of Richard Meade

From top (left to right): sophomore Israel Bolling, sophomore Josh Willcuts, sophomore Jake Garman, freshman John Donegan, senior Landry Mullins, freshman Anthony Wallis, junior Matt Parker, senior Tyler Morris, senior Megan Hilliard, junior Whitney Carico, senior Emily Brock, sophomore Shaqwon Wilkins, junior Samantha Balthis, freshman Will Young, freshman Sarah Elbon, senior Madison Compton.

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I was invited to the first football practice this summer, and I know the Highland Cavaliers are ready to compete in the MEC! I look forward to the collegial rivalries that will develop. The women's tennis team will play our very first MEC home game on Sept. 7. I will lead the celebration with activities to recognize our move up into Division II competition. The celebration will continue for each first home game in the MEC! The Cavs' Gap will become a place for student tailgating to gear up for the games in Smith Stadium and Prior Convocation Center. I look forward to joining the Cavs' Nation to overwhelm our competition with our Cavalier spirit!

There is good news to report as we welcome lacrosse coach Megan Dennehy to the family. Megan will be educating our fans and region about lacrosse over the coming year and building the program for intercollegiate play in spring 2015.

The NCAA Division II Athletics Directors Association announced the 2012-13 recipients of the D2ADA Academic Achievement Awards. To receive an award, the student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher, a minimum of four semesters of college level work, and have been an active member of an intercollegiate team during his/her last academic year. A record number of institutions (171) and student-athletes (6,881) were recognized for the award, and UVa-Wise had 28 student-athletes obtain the award.

During my eight months at UVa-Wise, it is clear that our fans are passionate about the college and the Highland Cavaliers. The success of our athletics program is possible due to the support of our faculty, students, alumni and friends. I look forward to seeing you at our games. GO CAVS!

Best regards,
Donna P. Henry
Chancellor

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Football

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excuses on how we get there."

Apart from offense and defense, the Cavs have a strong special teams. The Cavs return senior kicker Paul Melshen. Melshen's career is 20 for 35 on field goals and has almost been automatic with extra points going 60 for 66. He broke the school record for career field goals with No. 19 of his career against Georgetown College on Nov. 14, 2012.

Senior Tyler Graham will replace Dean Hogan with the punting duties.

The Cavs will need all phases of their team this season as they make the jump to the NCAA level.

The Cavs open the season Saturday on the road at NCAA FCS Campbell University with kickoff set for 6 p.m.

"We are excited about playing in the first ballgame," Lusk said "We are tired of beating on each other."

The first ever Mountain East Conference game the Cavs will play in will be on the road in Buckhannon, W.Va., when the Cavs take on West Virginia Wesleyan on Sept. 7 at 6 p.m.

"The one thing we are looking forward to most is developing new relationships and new rivalries," Lusk said about starting conference play.

The Cavs will play their first home NCAA Division II game on Sept. 14 against Mountain East Conference foe University of Charleston at 12 p.m.

For a full team roster visit uvawisecavs.com.

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Best of Luck
to all the
Athletes
this Year!



Women's tennis, full fall schedule



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From top (from left to right): senior Lauren Powers, senior Brianna Stallard, sophomore Haley Thacker, junior Mary Jo Stallard, freshman Bailey Christoforatos, freshman Rose Bennett, sophomore Junetta Nuckels, senior Andi Kilgore.

9/7/2013	Shepherd University*
9/10/2013	Milligan College
9/14/2013	West Liberty University*
9/18/2013	Bluefield College
9/18/2013	King University
9/21/2013	Berea College
9/21/2013	Asbury College
9/23/2013	Tusculum College
9/29/2013	Charleston University*
10/1/2013	Concord University*
10/5/2013	Fairmont State University*
10/12/2013	West Virginia State University*
10/13/2013	West Virginia Wesleyan College*
10/18/2013	Mountain East Conference Tour.

Home Games in bold
*Indicates Mountain East Conference Games

Look for more on women's tennis in our Sept. 11 Issue.

Mountain East

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Notre Dame College Falcons

Founded in 1922
Located in South Euclid, Ohio
Student Enrollment: 2,156
School Colors: Royal Blue & Yellow/Gold
Travel Time: Six hours and 32 minutes
Interesting fact: Notre Dame College was founded in 1922 as a liberal arts college for women. The school started admitting men in 2001.



Shepherd University Rams

Founded in 1871
Located in Shepherd, W.Va.
Student Enrollment: 4,283
School Colors: Blue & Gold
Travel Time: Six hours
Interesting Fact: Shepherd head football coach Monte Cater is third among active coaches in NCAA Division II in victories with 219.



Urbana University Blue Knights

Founded in 1850
Located in Urbana, Ohio
Student Enrollment: 1,505
School Colors: Royal Blue & White
Travel Time: Five hours and 41 minutes
Interesting Fact: Urbana University maintains the world's only Johnny Appleseed Museum, which is open to the public. The museum hosts a number of artifacts, including a tree that is believed to have been planted by Johnny Appleseed.



West Liberty University Hilltoppers

Founded in 1837
Located in West Liberty, W.Va.
Student Enrollment: 2,655
School Colors: Black & Gold
Travel Time: Five hours and 44 minutes
Interesting Fact: Brad Paisley, the Grammy award-winning country music singer, is a West Liberty alum.



Wheeling Jesuit University Cardinals

Founded in 1954
Located in Wheeling, W.Va.
Student Enrollment: 1,428
School Colors: Red, Black & Gold
Travel Time: Five hours and 27 minutes
Interesting Fact: University of Michigan men's basketball coach and 2012-2013 NCAA runner-up John Beilein played at WJU from 1971-1975.



West Virginia State University Yellow Jackets

Founded in 1891
Located in Institute, W.Va.
Student Enrollment: 2,644
School Colors: Black & Gold
Travel Time: Two hours and 57 minutes
Interesting Fact: West Virginia State alumnus Will Robinson was the first African American head coach in Division I history when he accepted the position at Illinois State in 1970.



West Virginia Wesleyan College Bobcats

Founded in 1890
Located in Buckhannon, W.Va.
Student Enrollment: 1,416
School Colors: Orange & Black
Travel Time: Four hours and 32 minutes
Interesting Fact: WVWC has two former players in the Pro Football Hall of Fame with Earl "Greasy" Neale of the Philadelphia Eagles and Cliff Battles of the Washington Redskins.



Upcoming Games

► Cross-Country

The UVa-Wise men's and women's cross country teams will travel to Ettrick, Va. today to compete with Virginia State University.

► Women's Tennis

The UVa-Wise women's tennis team will host Shepherd University Saturday at 1 p.m. for the first ever Mountain East Conference sport played on campus.

► Women's Golf

The UVa-Wise women's golf team will travel to Anderson, S.C. to compete in the Anderson University Tournament Sunday.

► Football

The UVa-Wise football team will travel to NCAA FCS Campbell University Saturday to take on the Camels with kickoff set for 6 p.m.

► Men's Golf

The UVa-Wise men's golf team will travel to Urbana, Ohio Saturday to compete in the Dye Intercollegiate Invitational.

► Volleyball

The UVa-Wise volleyball team will travel to Pikeville, KY. Tuesday Sept. 10 to take on the UPike Bears with the match starting at 7 p.m.

The Highland Cavalier Fall Publish Dates: Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 13 and Dec. 4.

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