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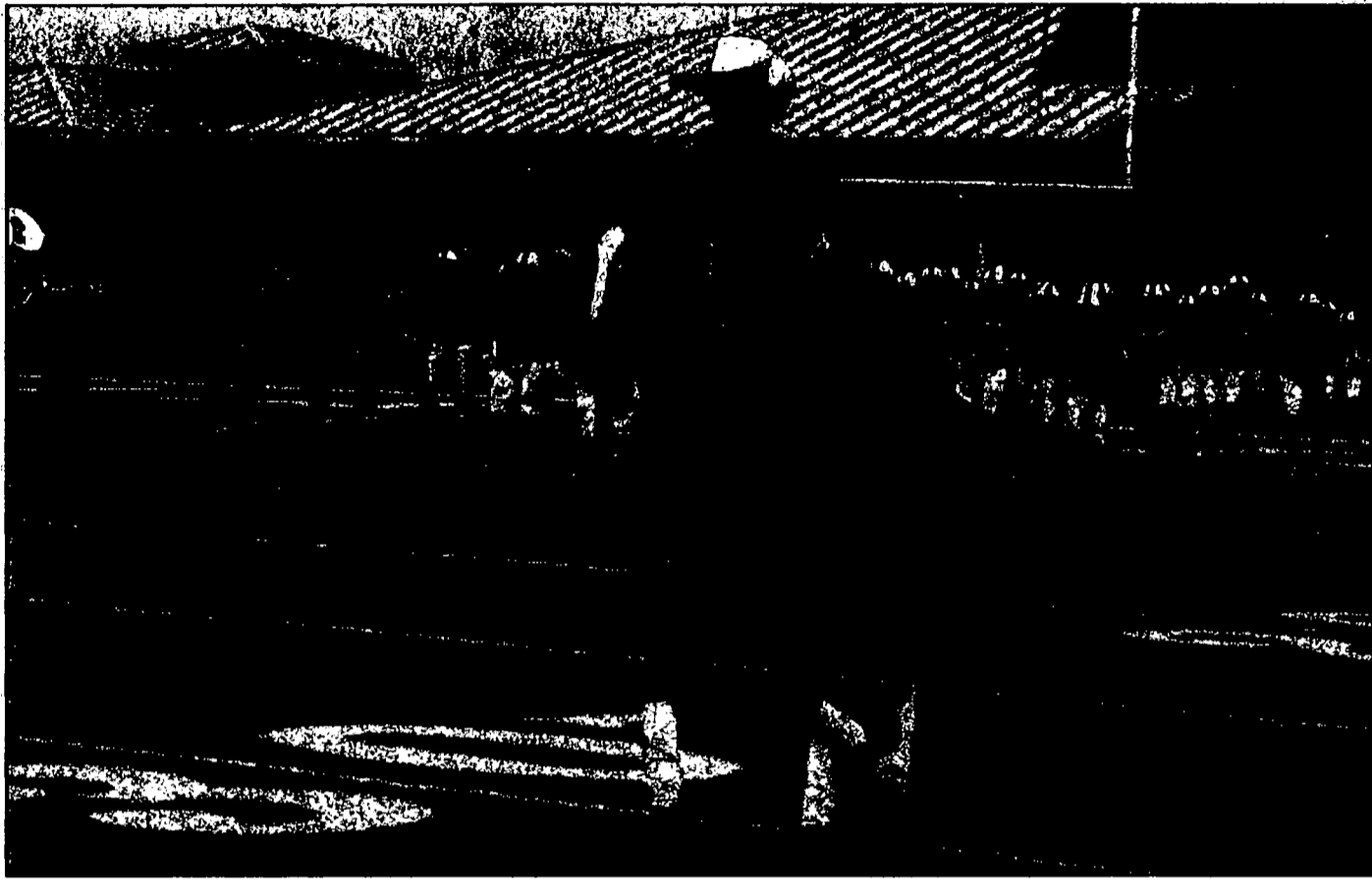
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Vice Chancellor for Development and College Relations Tami Ely leads the the Highland Cavalier football team out in front of cheerleaders and the band before last Saturday's game against the University of Charleston. The "Galloping Cavalier" was the first of its kind at Carl Smith Stadium. Past the 50 yard line, Ely rose her sword high in the air to the crowd's delight.

## Meal plans: Cavalier Red, White and Gray

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Student meal plans have been changed this year to increase dining flexibility, but overall, they're more expensive than last year's plans.

The old block-meal plans have been changed to a system with three options called Cavalier Red, Cavalier White and Cavalier Gray. Each plan leaves every meal for the entire semester available to the student at any time, as well as some dining dollars.

Joe Kiser, director of college services and the college liaison to Chartwells, said that the college has been making this transition for a while.

"Last year we started with the Freedom Plans," Kiser said. "We had this focus group on what we should do with it, and it was decided to go the route of most other colleges, like Radford, and have complete flexibility."

The new Cavalier plans are notably higher in price, however. Kiser said the flexibility is more expensive because Chartwells expects students to completely utilize their meals.

"Chartwells had this missed-meals percentage," he said. "Students who used to be on the 19 meal plan would actually only average about 12 meals a week. Chartwells factored that into lowering the price, but now students are surely going to use all of their meals for the semester."

Kiser said that the college has absorbed most of the price change in order to keep the meal plan prices more consistent.

Full meals on campus average about \$5. Dining dollars can be utilized in Books and Brew or to purchase side items at Papa Joes, Mondos or Coyote Jacks, so the amount is dependent on the purchase.

Students can check their meal plan balance online at the Manage My ID website, available at the student portal. If students run out of meals or dining dollars, they can also charge more at the My ID website or visit the cashier's office.

"It's like online banking but with meals, where everything you've used and what you have left is listed," Kiser said.

So far the new plans have received a variety of student opinions.

Kiser said the most vocal response has been from athletes, who have complained about not getting a full meal's worth in the past, but can now have more meals and amounts when they want to. Meal plans have also been purchased by more commuters.

Senior nursing major Brittany Milgrim said the meal plans have given her some flexibility that helps out with her busy nursing schedule.

"It's flexible with clinicals," Milgrim said. "I can just go ahead and swipe my card twice and take one meal with me on the go."

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## Hairston sentenced

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A former UVa-Wise student was sentenced this month for his role in a gunman hoax on campus last year.

Bryant Hairston, 20, of Martinsville, Va., was sentenced Sept. 9 in U.S. District Court in Abingdon to five days of jail time already served and supervised release for two years according to a written statement released by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Hairston was convicted earlier this year of making false statements while under oath.

He pleaded guilty in May after taking a plea agreement.

Hairston was ordered by United States District Judge James P. Jones to make restitution in the amount of \$4,010 to reimburse the various law enforcement and counseling agencies for their costs in responding to the 911 call and dealing with traumatized students.

Hairston, a former sophomore psychology major at UVa-Wise, was arrested by FBI agents on Jan. 28 for phoning in a fake report of a gunman on the UVa-Wise campus on Jan. 23.

Hairston reported to a 911 dispatcher that there was a man with a gun wearing a facemask and grey sweat suit.

The gun hoax took place a month after the shooting massacre of elementary students at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut.

### Upcoming

#### ► Syrian crisis discussion

Pi Sigma Alpha is sponsoring a panel discussion on the Syrian crisis tonight at 7 p.m. in the Dogwood Room of the Stemp Student Center.

#### ► Class sign-ups

Class sign-ups for spring semester begin Friday. Students must get approval from their advisors before they may sign up for classes.

#### ► Red & Gray 5K

The annual SGA Red & Gray 5K will be held Saturday. Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

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# Working out the bugs: Wi-Fi in the residence halls

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All residence halls on campus now are Wi-Fi capable, but there are still a few bugs in the system to work out.

The wireless is divided into two networks—an unlimited secure network called CavaNet, and a limited unsecure network called CavaNet-Open.

CavaNet is password-protected, while CavaNet-Open has few functions besides just surfing the web.

The Internet's speed and connection depends on the user's location, as well as the device that the person is working from.

According to Chris Boggs, network administrator, the signal can extend up to 50 feet outside of a building or not reach past the building's walls, depending on the building's location.

"We tested it and it ran at 320 megabytes per second, under ideal conditions," Boggs said.

All lower campus buildings, excluding the theme houses, have wireless access within their walls.

Upper campus still uses ports, though talk of incorporating Wi-Fi in the academic buildings is currently being debated.

"The change has been debated for a while," Boggs said. "Professors are even jealous that there isn't any in the academic buildings."

Boggs said the transition began last April. The Ethernet ports were operating past their expected lifetimes. With the level of switches needing repair or falling climbing, the campus was faced with a choice to replace all of the ports or transition to wireless.

Funding would only allow for one option. "Some laptops don't even have Ethernet ports anymore," Boggs said. "It also allows

for better mobility."

On Aug. 15, the last wireless switch was activated.

The system is new, and the information technology department is still working on fixing various issues that arise.

One of those issues comes from online gaming.

For the past few weeks, the department has been running tests on a variety of online-capable gaming consoles in order to allow gamers to access the network.

Recently, a new network specifically for consoles was set up with testers' advice.

Josh Hooper, a senior economics and business administration major, is one of those testers and has been helping the department handle the online gaming issue.

"We've been recording the disconnects and trying to fix them," Hooper said. "You have to manually enter a new network for games. You have to bring [the console] to [IT in Smiddy], have a [Wi-Fi protected access] personally set up, and sign a contract to get a password for the network."

Students have had mixed reactions to the wireless access in residence halls.

"The Wi-Fi is OK. I don't really have a lot of activities I do on there though," sophomore undeclared major Renee McKinney said.

Adrienne Pollard, a sophomore History major, said she is pleased with the improvements made already.

"At first, my Wi-Fi wouldn't connect, but I went to IT and got it fixed," Pollard said. "It worked perfectly after."

In the meantime, IT is continuing to smooth out the issues in the system as they arise.

The IT department advises students that if their maintenance interferes with online due dates, let their professors know as soon as possible.

# News Briefs

Film to be shot in Big Stone Gap

Governor Bob McDonnell announced on Sept. 19 that best-selling Virginia author Adriana Trigiani will be returning to her hometown of Big Stone Gap to shoot the film version of her novel of the same name.

"The novel Big Stone Gap is Adriana Trigiani's heartwarming tribute to her early life in Southwest Virginia," Gov. McDonnell said. "We are proud of her continuing success as a writer and are thrilled that her uplifting tribute to her hometown will be brought to life on the screen."

Filming is scheduled for this fall.

Big Stone Gap is eligible for up to a total of \$600,000 dependent on the amount of money the production company spends in the commonwealth, and a \$300,000 grant from Virginia's Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission.

-Todd Galyean

Tutoring services available in McCrary Hall

Drop-in tutoring services are now available in McCrary Hall.

Tutoring sessions are held in the study room located adjacent to the McCrary Hall laundry room and are open to all students regardless of their residence or class year.

For more information or for students who do not live in McCrary Hall to gain access contact Josh Justice at jvj6e@uvawise.edu or Marshall Bradley at mnb4n@uvawise.edu.

The tutoring subject schedule is listed as follows:

- Spanish Tues/Thurs 4-5 p.m.
- Chemistry Tues/Thurs 5-6 p.m.
- Math Tues/Thurs 6-7 p.m.
- English Tues/Thurs 6-8 p.m.

-Todd Galyean

Wise, one of lowest cost public liberal arts colleges

UVA-Wise was ranked again as one of the top public national liberal arts colleges whose students graduate with a low debt load, according to a report by U.S. News and World Report's annual college guide.

"While today's economy has some people questioning the value of a four-year college degree, our consistent ranking by U.S. News and World Report as a college that provides a strong liberal arts education without a crippling debt is a source of pride," Chancellor Donna Henry said.

Among the UVA-Wise Class of 2012, just 56 percent graduated with debt. The average amount of debt for UVA-Wise graduates is \$11,524. UVA-Wise finished behind Louisiana State University-Alexandria by \$23.

-Todd Galyean

Career Services starts Table Tuesdays

Career Services has started a program designed to introduce students to graduate and professional school recruiters, as well as representatives from business that may have employment or internship opportunities.

The program, *Table Tuesdays*, will be held in the Slemg Student Center Atrium on numerous Tuesdays throughout the semester. The inaugural *Table Tuesday* occurred yesterday when representatives from Frontier Health and Enterprise visited campus.

-Todd Galyean

SGA and Honor Court Elections Winners

Honor Court

Junior Representative: Eric Hartnett- 70 votes

Sophomore Representative: David Kihua- 70 votes

Freshman Representatives: Lyndra Primmond- 111 votes; Evan M. Clark- 47 votes

SGA

Senator-at-Large: Ellvia Wimmer- 135 votes

Run-off election for Junior Female Representative: Erica Gilliam- 43 votes

Sophomore Senator- Taylor Hayes- 67 votes

Freshman Senators: Jolito Rivera- 93 votes; Marissa Riley- 80 votes; Kaitlynn Davis- 71 votes

# opinion

# Greeks: Recruiting ignorant freshmen

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Greek recruitment brings a lot of peer pressure, fake people and cleverly disguised lies.

Being Greek myself, I notice when it is recruitment time, everyone is on their best behavior, they put on this model sorority/fraternity behavior and act like joining is the greatest thing that ever happened to them.

Of course, while this may be the case for many of the members of Greek life, it's definitely not all it appears to be.

I really think that freshmen should be required to wait a semester to join because not only are they completely uneducated on the subject of Greek life, but recruitment starts so promptly in the year, they have absolutely no time to scope out an organization to see which is best for them.

Coming into recruitment and signing a bid being ignorant as to how the members really are, what their goals are, and what their values are is a terrible decision to make.

Not only that, but freshmen are targeted for recruitment for obvious reasons. They are more willing to join, there are more of them not involved in Greek life or other organizations, and they are also more susceptible to being pressured into joining by not only their classmates, but authority figures such as RAs as well.

I strongly encourage anyone wanting to go Greek to thoroughly investigate the organizations they are interested in to know, not only where they would fit in best, but if it is even the right choice for them.

Don't be fooled by all the kindness and sudden interest you receive.

If you go to events, meet and greets and parties, you can usually tell if people are being genuine or completely fake.

For example, my recruitment process: Going into the party of the sorority I had my heart set on, everyone being falsely nice to me or I was just being completely ignored by most girls, then sitting down at a table with a few and hearing them whisper and make fun of me across the table.

Deal breaker.

You don't want to spend four years with people you hate.

That's called high school.

Pay attention and see how these people really are.

The bottom line is most organizations want their numbers up and more money.

If you just happen to be a great brother or sister, fantastic, but if not, you are still paying out anywhere from \$160-\$400 per semester to this organization. (Average cost on campus is \$204 of those who reported due costs. Most also have extra fees for your first semester making them more expensive or have dues that are more expensive in the fall than spring, vice versa. Pi Kappa Phi also has scholarships for its member's fees, making it the only organization on campus to do so.)

In a recent anonymous survey, 46.7 percent of people did respond "I love my Greek organization and wouldn't have it any other way," but 26.7 percent responded "I like my sorority/fraternity, but it isn't the greatest thing ever" and another 26.7 percent responded "I wish I hadn't gone Greek at all/it is just for my resume."

With results like that, I think it really shows how one should be self-educated on the organizations and should also figure out if it is really for them because it definitely is not for everyone.

Yes, I love my sorority, but it is also a ton of work. It can be frustrating and is also expensive, but the benefits can be endless if you find the right one and take advantage of it. They look amazing on a resume, you can rack up some community service for it as well, and if you find the right one, you will always have a support system, someone you can depend on and a shoulder to cry on.

Make the right choice and don't depend on the organizations themselves to educate you. Ask questions and know your stuff when you go in because who you think you want at first may be completely different at the end of the process. At least that's how it went for me.



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# 5 ways to tell you are not a celebrity

Compiled by Kandee Wallace

1. Getting naked and licking a sledge hammer gets you kicked out of Home Depot.
2. Naming your kid something like Audio Science or Pilot Inspektor causes social services to take them.
3. You go to jail instead of your vacation home for dealing/doing drugs.
4. Body painting yourself and standing around singing a tune about somebody you used to know gets you a public indecency charge.
5. Your bank account.

# Visiting director takes Hunt's play to the stage

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There is a new face in the Gilliam Center for the Arts this semester.

This fall, the Visual and Performing Arts Department is hosting director Kara-Lynn Vaeni. She is from New York, and is on campus directing *The Alfred Jarry Show*.

The play opens at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18 in the Gilliam Center for the Arts Theater.

Vaeni earned her Master of Fine Arts in Directing from the Yale School of Drama in 2004 and has been directing shows in various locations throughout the country ever since.

This is not her first visit to the UVA-Wise campus; she worked with Governor's School students here in July.

"I love how committed the students in this department are. They're amazing," Vaeni said.

The play she is directing was written by theater professor Michael Hunt.

Its meaning is open to interpretation by the audience; however, to him, it is about questioning the things we know, and identifying certain outdated social structures that still limit us as a society.

"This is a big deal. Kara-Lynn recently premiered two operas in New York in two different languages. She has a real interest in the students we have here. Her working with them will probably be the most memorable event in their college careers," Hunt said.

The main character, Alfred Jarry, travels through time in the play and meets historical figures from the 19th Century until the present.

Jarry himself is an historical character. He was a French writer in the late 19th Century and early 20th Century, and his works are what inspired Hunt to write the play.



Photo courtesy of Kara-Lynn Vaeni

While hearing the word "history" may make some students cringe, Vaeni insists the play is for everyone.

"I want theater to be for everybody. My fear is that people think that there is a certain type of person who goes to theater, and if they aren't that kind of person, they don't go. There are plays that can make you feel that way, but this is not that play. You will know the music and you will get the jokes," Vaeni said.

In order to get cultural credit for attending the play, students must initial an "audience contract" as certain topics are covered throughout the play.

"I really want this audience to be engaged, and this play asks the question, 'Are you learning something, or just being entertained?'" Hunt said.

With over 40 characters in the play from varying time periods and social standards, Hunt believes the play will be both entertaining and educational.

# Genetically modified nastiness

Submitted by Brittany Craft

Do you know what a GMO is? You should know.

It's what's lurks through the grocery store and patiently waits to land in your shopping cart of "good food."

GMOs are genetically modified organisms

They are plants or animals that have been genetically engineered with DNA from bacteria, viruses, or other plants and animals. This does not occur in nature or in a traditional 'crossbreeding' of genes.

It's in the food we eat on a daily basis, whether we know it or not.

A classic example of a GMO is high fructose corn syrup.

It's nearly listed on every ingredient label

and down the aisles of the grocery store. Did you know this is hazardous to our body?

There's a growing body of evidence connecting GMOs with health problems today.

But how do we get our noses stuck out of the hypocritical advertisement that's triggering our minds to register items as "good food?"

There are serious restrictions, even outright bans on production and sale of genetically modified foods in more than 50 countries around the world, such as Australia, Japan, and European countries.

America currently does not, however.

As the American people, we have a right to know what our food is made of and where it came from.

Is it that many people are easily deceived

by labels claiming to be so damn healthy for you that we don't take an extra step further to really see what our bodies are digesting?

Do we not care about the quality of our food supply, as long as the taste and shelf life fulfill our nutritional needs?

Or are our lives too busy to stop and think about what we are filling our bellies with?

We have to make changes in the marketplace in order to make changes to human health and vitality.

Find out for yourself.

Let's get off our social networking sites and get involved with some real truth.

Be aware of deceit in larger corporations. Support local and small farmers!

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# Grandin lectures to large crowd

Submitted by Intro to Media Writing class

Nearly 900 people, many from neighboring states, piled into the David J. Prior Convocation Center on Sept. 19 to attend Temple Grandin's lecture "All Kinds of Minds."

Grandin, a professor of animal sciences at Colorado State University, is a renowned animal behavior scientist whom Time Magazine calls one of the most influential people. She was diagnosed with autism at the age of three and is the subject of an Emmy award-winning HBO film starring Clare Danes.

During her visit on campus, Grandin discussed her career and offered thoughts on ways parents can help autistic children build careers and live full lives. She credited her upbringing in the 1950s as an example of ways to instill a work ethic and social manners to all youngsters.

"One of my big concerns today is that kids are not learning work skills," Grandin said. "That needs to happen now."

Grandin, at 13, worked a few hours a week with a seamstress and mucked horse stalls when she was a teen.

"I worked hard," she said. "You've got to work hard."

The best-selling author built a reputation for herself from designing efficient and humane ways to handle cattle and pigs that are raised for slaughter. She made strides in the industry during a time when women were not allowed in cattle yards and slaughterhouses.

"Being a woman was more of an obstacle than my autism," she said.

Grandin, who sees the world in pictures rather than how most people view things, found success designing livestock handling equipment.

She said the hardest part of her career was getting the stockyard workers to operate the equipment properly.

Looking back on her career, Grandin said the beef industry has



Photo courtesy of College Relations  
Temple Grandin, a professor of animal sciences at Colorado State University, lectured to nearly 900 people Sept. 19 in the David J. Prior Convocation Center. Grandin followed Stephen Pinker in the Colgate Darden Lecture series.

changed for the better, but that there will always be room for improvements.

After the lecture, Grandin answered questions and signed copies of her many books. The large crowd that attended the lecture did not surprise college officials, Director of News and Media Relations Kathy Still said.

"We started getting calls nearly two years ago," Still said. "Temple Grandin has touched many lives through her books and through her work as a scientist. Some people drove three hours to attend the lecture, and many of them sought out college officials that evening to thank them for bringing her to Wise."

Grandin followed Stephen Pinker in the Colgate Darden lecture series which is aimed at establishing UVA-Wise as a center for intellectual speakers.

# Alpha Sigma Phi returns charter

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The UVA-Wise chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi has decided to return its charter to their national organization.

The organization will continue to operate on campus as a club but will no longer be affiliated with their national organization.

In June, the chapter was put on administrative probation due to debts owed to the national organization.

The debt had been accumulating for several years, and many members were apparently unaware of it.

"The chapter has been in debt for a long time," former recruitment director and senior music major Brad Morris said. "Honestly, most members didn't know about the debt because it has been accumulating over a long period of time."

Initially, the fraternity took steps in order to pay off the debt.

They attempted to make the required monthly payments of \$500.

The amount eventually proved to be too difficult for the organization

to maintain.

"The national organization doesn't understand small campuses," Alpha Sigma Phi President and junior theatre major John Forrest Duncan said. "In general, we felt that they didn't care."

In the end, the chapter voted on their decision to return their charter.

"When I became president, I told everyone that decisions will be made through a democratic vote," Duncan said. "The decision to give back the charter was almost unanimous."

The national organization agreed that the members will remain brothers of the fraternity and be alumni upon graduation, because they decided to willingly give back their charter.

The chapter has the option to recharter in four years.

Although they've given up their official chapter status with the national organization, the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi plan on remaining an active group.

Duncan said he wants the group to continue, grow and hopefully branch out to other campuses.

"We're basically looking to make the organization more accessible. We are going to focus more on philanthropy as well as academics."

## Dining

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have had some difficulty even learning about the change.

"I wish I would have been able to know about it when they changed it, instead of giving us that confusing pamphlet," junior psychology major Ashley Tuttle said. "I had to ask [the person] who swipes the cards, because I thought it was still the old way."

Tuttle said once she figured out how the new meal plan system worked she does like the flexibility but the new amount of flexibility does lead to some concern.

"I like the idea... there's no meal zones, so I can get meals early too," she said. "[But], now I worry I will use them up real fast and run out."



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Freshman psychology major Charles Pollard fixes his plate for breakfast last Saturday in the Smith Dining Commons. A new meal plan system has been implemented this year to increase flexibility for students. Students can manage their meal plans and add more meals online in the student portal on Manage My ID.



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# Magnolia Kitchen, spice up your dinner

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The idea of a Cajun-American style restaurant in Southwest Virginia may seem a little different a first, but Norton's newest eatery, the Magnolia Kitchen, is a culinary experience to remember if you want to dive into a flavorful and spicy sensation.

The restaurant may be difficult to find for those who are going to Magnolia for their first time. The small restaurant is in the building beside Yamato's and other ethnic food eateries on Norton's Main Street.

The decor of the building is deceptively unsuspecting.

From the outside, it looks like a brick building block, but the interior features styles from the best of both Southern Europe and Eastern

America.

The price range can go anywhere from \$10 to \$15 for a dinner, which sounds pricey, but the money goes far considering the portion sizes.

"It was the best jambalaya I've ever had. I really can't describe how good it was," said Christine Wilson, a freshman pre-radiology major.

The jambalaya has chicken, shrimp, sausage and rice cooked with a natural stock vegetable trinity. It is a swimming pool of natural flavors and a satisfying meal.

Many who order this course are more than likely to leave with a box from the amount of food served.

For those who are looking for a challenge on handling spices, order the black and blue burger. This entree includes an 8 ounce patty, with Cajun spices layered out, topped with some blue cheese and a mustard aioli.

The meal itself is the cheapest dinner option on the menu at \$9.

If someone was looking to try some pasta, order the Cincinnati chili. It is just like a normal bowl of spaghetti, but it includes beef and tomato chili sauce.

"The meat was cooked just right too, where it would just melt in your mouth. It was amazing to me, I loved it," said Walter Aiello, a freshman environmental science major.

Magnolia Kitchen also specializes in po' boy sandwiches ranging from \$7 to \$13.

After the main course, many dessert options are available, like the beignets. These square fried donuts covered in sugar come with a raspberry dipping sauce.

If you're looking for a nice restaurant that serves spicy yet comforting food and offers a warm atmosphere, then look no further than Magnolia Kitchen.

## Think about your career now, not later



Bryan

It's a pattern every career development college professional recognizes; come late April and early May, we see a steady stream of students who have never before set foot inside the Career Services office.

These students will graduate in a matter of weeks and they have no idea what to do next. Suddenly, career services is a life preserver for seniors drowning in uncertainty.

As best we can, we work with these students to help them create a resume, learn how to search for a job, or - much too late - explore graduate or professional school options.

In other words, we try to cram into one hour what should have been accomplished during the course of four years. It's not an ideal situation for the student or the career services advisor.

Students should begin the process of career development during the first semester of their freshman year. That's right... their freshman year.

Believe it or not, the four years of undergraduate work fly fast. Students who take an early and methodical approach to career development position themselves to

be more employable and/or more likely to gain admissions to graduate or professional school.

Yes, students are busy with classes and organizations, but it doesn't take long to work on a resume or stop by a table to chat with a law school admissions counselor. Participating in an internship may take up a summer or a winter break, but the benefits are long-lasting. Employers favor recent graduates with in-the-field experience... in other words, internships.

Employers also want to see job candidates who interview with confidence and who have spotless social media profiles. They want job applicants with excellent skills in communication, critical thinking and leadership.

There are a number of ways that students can jump start their professional careers. Other than excelling in classes and taking on leadership roles in one of the school's many organizations, one can develop a four-year plan through career services.

Schedule an appointment with career services to begin working on a four-year career development plan; begin early and visit often.

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## Review: Vin Diesel back as Riddick

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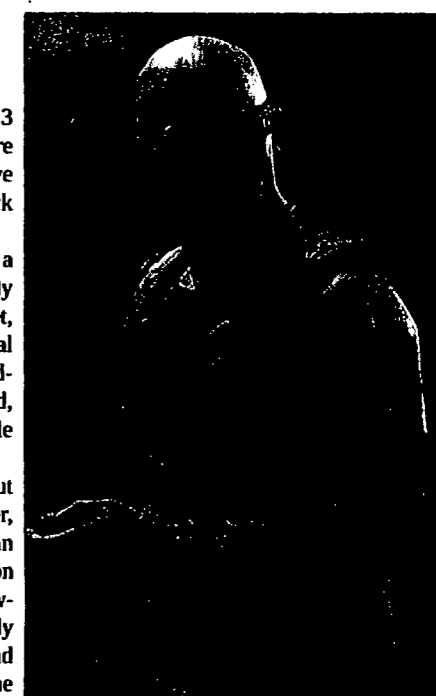


Photo courtesy of Universal Studios

In the recent 2013 sci-fi/action adventure release, the illusive space warrior Riddick is back.

Left for dead on a scorched, seemingly uninhabitable planet, Riddick faces several obstacles such as wildlife, the elements and, later on, a few people wanting his head.

The movie starts out with our main character, Riddick, played by Vin Diesel, in some action packed scenes; however, the movie quickly becomes redundant and predictable. While the special effects and editing are great and beautiful, it isn't enough to save the movie.

The beginning is full of action, but it quickly slides downhill as it seems the producers sacrificed making the movie interesting for giving it a storyline.

Our hero seems to be unstoppable and capable of surviving everything, but that doesn't stop someone from wanting to kill him for a few bucks. You know, it's the typical plot of any unstoppable hero, or ex-convict in this case.

Like many other movies, while being hunted down, unforeseen circumstances force Riddick, our protagonist, to stop working against his enemy and get on their side for the good of both parties.

One critic said, "It isn't a string of polished sci-fi pearls, but it does deliver pretty much what fans expect: action, creatures, effects, dry humor, and a grown-up mix of skin, blood and language."

This is a total man movie, but the ladies can enjoy it, too.

If they can't get into the plot, they can certainly enjoy the view of Vin Diesel killing some alien predators and his cute dog/hyena friend. Overall, I would rate it at around a 3/5, which is also along the lines of what the movie rating website, Rotten Tomatoes put it at 59 percent and when viewers rated it 63 percent.

What do these percentages mean exactly?

Who knows?

It's maybe worth killing some time and getting out of the house to watch, but it's not anything special or amazing.



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# Homecoming Dance

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Roll the dice if you feel lucky. This year's homecoming dance is a casino night.

The homecoming dance, sponsored by the Student Government Association, will be held in the David J. Prior Convocation Center on Sept. 28 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

In order to get admission, all students must bring their Cavs card. They are allowed one guest. Alumni can only be admitted as guests.

A card reader will be located in the front of the building.

The dance will offer similar food as dances in previous years.

SGA Senator and sophomore undeclared major Shannon Walker said the menu includes ham rolls, chicken tenders and the return of the popular chocolate fountain with bacon.

"I know a lot of people were into [the fountain] last year, so we brought it back," Walker said.

Last year, around 900 people attended the Willy Wonka-themed homecoming dance.

The theme of this year's homecoming dance was chosen by alumni to be "Dread the Red."

In order to make the theme a little more specific, the casino night was added to it, Walker said.

Walker also said that in lieu of the typical homecoming dance glass, a surprise souvenir will be given away.



Submitted by Sarah Liston ('12), from top (from left to right) Joel Sprinkle ('11), Brad Graboyes ('12), Tamzeed Islam ('12), Jamie Harris ('11), Robert Davis ('11), senior administration of justice major Michael Beamon, Karen Cantrell ('12), John Hawkins ('12), Liston, Chiz Ononwu ('11) and Jimmy Cooper ('11).

## Letter from Jefferson

Dear Highland Cavaliers old and young,

As you may know, this past season I was moved from my home beside the library on the most interesting of carriages to Crockett Hall's garden.

The timing 'twas a shame, as workers, in the most peculiar of yellow hats, had begun progress on the one true fortress of academia, the library.

I do miss the view of its construction.

Architecture is one of my few true loves, and I had high hopes of finally having a hand in designing this branch of my University of Virginia.

I do believe the workers began to distaste my constant requests for it to be of the Palladian style. The more pediments and porticos, the better, is what I always say - have you seen the Rotunda?

I digress.

The reason I write this letter to the Wise community is not to criticize my removal from high ground. All politicians should over time be removed from their perches.

That said, I do miss certain pleasures of the former residence:

The conversations overheard as students bustled to class, the smells of brewing coffee, and the costumes placed upon me throughout the academic year.

Those costumes remind me of those wonderful masquerade balls the French are so fond of.

However, my new home is not without its own perks. I am now able to keep a watchful eye on the first-year dormitories, making sure those newcomers stay in their books and out of mischief.

I can often overhear the discussions of political discourse ringing from Smiddy Hall.

And finally, my personal favorite - I am able to watch students make those first steps into their futures in Crockett Hall.

As summer slips into our memories, and the grandness of fall's canvas makes its way onto this young campus, please remember I'm always looking for a warm coat, a new book and a little conversation.

Welcome home, alumni, and to the football team: Make us proud Saturday. I'll be listening.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Jefferson Statue



Submitted by Fran Hunt ('80), (from left to right) Hunt, Vince "Sweet Pea" Marshall ('80) and "Beach Bob" Sage ('79).

## Alumni Memories

It was my freshman year at UVA-Wise and the first year that the marching band program was taking place and really getting started as the newest addition to the college.

It was the first game of the season, and we were climbing up to get to the football stadium and as soon as the crowd saw the band there was a big roar of excitement and when it came time to get on the field for the national anthem we had the crowd standing on their feet.

Submitted by Reagan Cecil ('09)

My favorite memories of my undergraduate experience revolve around my participation and student employment with Intramural Sports.

Whether it was an intense game of basketball, a funny joke between student staff, or an extramural trip to play flag football, we always had such a great time.

Chris Davis was an amazing boss to work for and his influence led me to follow a career path of working in higher education as an Intramural Director.

Every day I reflect on my amazing undergraduate experience at UVA-Wise and work very hard to provide that same awesome experience to the students at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Submitted by Kari Osborne ('07)

My favorite memory was meeting this beautiful girl in my finite math class and just over a year later proposing to that girl on top of Henson Hill.

Submitted by Reid Salomonsky ('08). The "girl" Reid mentioned is his now wife Kacie Salomonsky, formerly Kacie Jessee. Reid and Kacie are both former sports editors for The Highland Cavalier.



Submitted by Stephanie Adkins Cooperstein ('12), (from left to right) Harmony Tripp ('13), Joel Sprinkle ('11) and Cooperstein.

### UVA-Wise Alumni Homecoming 2013

<p><b>Tuesday, Sept. 24</b> Popcorn Social Student Center 1-3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Thursday, Sept. 26</b> Ice Cream Social Jefferson Plaza 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, Sept. 27</b> Red &amp; Gray Day Sport your favorite UVA-Wise Gear</p> <p><b>Degrees of Success</b> Alumni Career Panel Chapel of All Faiths 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Meet the Cavs Pep Rally</b> Music, Food, Fun, &amp; Silver Sabre Contest 1 p.m. by the Lake 5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Saturday, Sept. 28</b> SGA Red &amp; Gray 5K Registration 8 a.m. - Race 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>UVA-Wise Volleyball</b> Prior Center noon</p> <p><b>UVA-Wise Football vs. Union College</b> Carl Smith Stadium 6 p.m. Gates open 3:30 p.m.</p>
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DREAD THE RED

# sports

## Men's and women's tennis roundup

### Women's Roundup

#### Sept. 16: Bluefield College 1 vs. UVA-Wise 8

##### Singles Competition

1. Brianna Stallard (WISE) def. Caitlin Allen (BLUE) 6-1, 6-0
2. Haley Thacker (WISE) def. Kalyn Dolan (BLUE) 6-1, 6-0
3. Bailey Christoforatos (WISE) def. Casey Germain (BLUE) 6-1, 6-1
4. Mary Jo Stallard (WISE) def. Sierra Queen (BLUE) 6-0, 6-1
5. Rebecca Havens (BLUE) def. Junetta Nuckels (WISE) 4-6, 6-1, 10-3
6. Rose Bennett (WISE) by default

##### Doubles competition

1. Stallard/Stallard (WISE) def. Havens/Queen (BLUE) 8-2
2. Thacker/Christoforatos (WISE) def. Germain/Allen (BLUE) 8-3
3. Lauren Powers/Andi Kigora (WISE) by default

#### Sept. 21: Berea College 2 vs. UVA-Wise 7

##### Singles Competition

1. Brianna Stallard (WISE) def. Christine Crawford (BEREA) 6-0, 6-2
2. Taylor Moyers (BEREA) def. Haley Thacker (WISE) 6-0, 6-1
3. Bailey Christoforatos (WISE) def. Katherine Spears (BEREA) 6-1, 6-0
4. Mary Jo Stallard (WISE) def. Miranda Fawley (BEREA) 6-1, 6-0
5. Junetta Nuckels (WISE) def. Kristol Whit (BEREA) 6-2, 6-1
6. Rose Bennett (WISE) def. Ashley Logan (BEREA) 6-1, 6-1

##### Doubles Competition

1. Goodman/Moyers (BEREA) def. Stallard/Stallard (WISE) 8-4
2. Thacker/Christoforatos (WISE) def. Crawford/Fawley (BEREA) 8-2
3. Lauren Powers/Andi Kigora (WISE) def. Noland/Spears (BEREA) 8-2

#### Sept. 21: Asbury College 4 vs. UVA-Wise 5

##### Singles Competition

1. Brianna Stallard (WISE) def. Sarah Beth Alford (ASBURY) 6-3, 6-3
2. Alex LoPrinzi (ASBURY) def. Haley Thacker (WISE) 6-4, 6-4
3. Laura Ross (ASBURY) def. Bailey Christoforatos (WISE) 6-0, 3-6, 10-3
4. Miriam Waslewski (ASBURY) def. Mary Jo Stallard (WISE) 6-2, 6-2
5. Junetta Nuckels (WISE) def. Dominique Ducdoc (ASBURY) 6-0, 6-1
6. Rose Bennett (WISE) def. Juleah Morehouse (ASBURY) 6-1, 6-1

##### Doubles Competition

1. Stallard/Stallard (WISE) def. Alford/Ross (ASBURY) 8-4
2. Thacker/Christoforatos (WISE) def. Ducdoc/LoPrinzi (ASBURY) 8-4
3. Morehouse/Waslewski (ASBURY) def. Lauren Powers/Andi Kigora (WISE) 8-5

### Men's Roundup

#### Sept. 16: Bluefield College 2 vs. UVA-Wise 7

##### Singles competition

1. Vladyslav Akimenko (WISE) def. Lochlan Kitchen (BLUE) 6-3, 6-2
2. Markel Aranberrri (BLUE) def. Chris Armistead (WISE) 6-0, 6-1
3. Marc Huff (WISE) def. Carlton Tugman (BLUE) 6-3, 6-2
4. Oleg Kopychenko (WISE) def. Wesley Carter (BLUE) 1-6, 6-3, 10-3
5. Tanner Crowder (WISE) def. Chaz Stonestreet (BLUE) 7-5, 6-2
6. Juhan Washington (WISE) def. Ryan French (BLUE) 6-0, 6-0

##### Doubles competition

1. Kitchen/Aranberrri (BLUE) def. Armistead/Crowder (WISE) 8-4
2. Akimenko/Washington (WISE) def. Tugman/Carter (BLUE) 8-6



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(Top): Freshman Bailey Christoforatos goes up for a serve against Bluefield College on Sept. 16. Christoforatos and the Cavs are 4-2 on the season and 1-1 in MEC play. (Bottom): Junior Marc Huff delivers a serve against Bluefield College on Sept. 16.



## X-Country showing growth on the season

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The UVA-Wise Cavalier men's and women's Cross Country teams competed in the Concord Invitational on Sept. 21.

There were seven teams in the race, including UVA-Wise, competing against other teams in the Mountain East Conference.

West Virginia Wesleyan was the frontrunner of the event with their men's team having eight of the top fifteen finishers.

On the UVA-Wise men's team, freshman Will Young finished 5th, with a time of 28:01, sophomore Shaquon Wilkins finished 11th, with a time of 28:43 and freshman Anthony Willis finished in 17th, with a time of 28:53.

Following behind them were some of the guys trying to get more points for the Cavs.

Sophomore Josh Willcuts finished in 35th, with a time of 30:30, senior Matt Parker finished in 38th, with a time of 30:40 and sophomore John Donegan, coming off an injury, finished in 39th, with a time of 30:41.

On the women's side, the team finished in

fourth out of the eight teams.

The team was led by freshman Sarah Elbon, finishing in 27th, with a time of 22:35. Junior Samantha Balthis finished in 34th, with a time of 23:28 and was followed by senior Emily Brock finishing in 39th, with a time of 23:45. Junior Whitney Carico rounded out the women's team finishing in 46th, with a time of 24:10.

The Cavs will travel to Charleston, W.Va Saturday to participate in the University of Charleston meet.

### Football

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The Cavs third drive of the third quarter didn't go their way either as Ryans had another pass intercepted and returned for a touchdown by Bam Harrison to make the score 31-9, Golden Eagles.

Ryans first start went from bad to worse in a hurry when he was picked off for a fifth time on the day almost a minute after his fourth.

The Golden Eagles got a big run by Stallworth to set up a one yard quarterback sneak by Leak. With 4:34 left in the third quarter the Golden Eagles seemed to put the game out of reach with a 38-0 lead.

The fourth quarter saw mop up duty for the Cavs as several young faces got to see playing time. Malshen roared the forwards in the four quarter as he connected on field goals

of 36 and 30 yards to make the score 38-15.

Ryans special day didn't turn out as planned as he finished completed nine passes on 20 attempts for 142 yards with five interceptions and no touchdowns.

"The rain didn't affect anything, I can't dwell on the mistakes" Ryans said "I know I've got to get better."

Long led the Cavs receivers by catching four balls for 82 yards. Senior Andre Dickerson gained 57 yards in mop up duty. Senior defensive back Thomas Wright led the Cavs with eight tackles in the ballgame.

The Cavs offense has been off to a rough start with all three quarterbacks combining for 15 interceptions and two touchdowns in three games played this season.

"It's extremely frustrating, but all I know to do is continue to work at it" head coach Dewey Lusk said "The kids are hanging in there."

For the Golden Eagles they gained 227

yards rushing with 128 of those coming from Leighton Settle. Leak only threw for 63 yards and a touchdown, but didn't need to throw much as his defense did most of the scoring.

In the big transition this season the Cavs are still adjusting from the jump from NAIA to NCAA and each game has been a learning experience

"We are finally starting to learn how to play D-II football" Lusk said "It's much more physical game and the linemen are huge.

The Cavs NCAA Division II growing pains continue as they fall to 0-3 on the season and 0-2 in MEC play.

The Golden Eagles collect their first win on the season moving to 1-2 and 1-0 in MEC play.

The Cavs will be back at Saturday for homecoming as they take on the Union College Bulldogs in a non-conference matchup. Kickoff set for 6 p.m. with homecoming festivities beginning earlier in the day.

# Golden Eagles fly to victory over Cavs

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Senior James Long (16) comes down with a grab inside the redzone. Long's great grab set up the Cavs lone touchdown on the day in 38-15 loss.

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One could say it was a day for the ducks at Carl Smith Stadium Sept. 21, as the Cavs played the first Mountain East Conference football game played at home in school history in very rainy conditions. It actually turned out to be a day for the Golden Eagles of Charleston. The Golden Eagles jumped out to an early lead on the UVa-Wise Cavaliers and rode that lead to a 38-15 win over the Cavs.

The Cavs were hoping to snap a six-game losing streak at home in which they haven't won at home since Oct. 22, 2011.

The Golden Eagles took the opening kickoff and marched down the field for a one yard touchdown run by Junior running back C.J. Stallwohler. The touchdown was set up by a long pass from senior-Maurice Leak to Junior Daniel Cherry for the 36-yard pickup.

Freshman Ty Ryans came out for his first drive of collegiate career as a starter for the Cavs. It was short-lived as Ryans was picked off by Torie Wagner, who returned the interception 11 yards for the touchdown. The Golden Eagles led the Cavs 14-0 with 11:06 left to play in the first quarter.

After the ensuing kickoff, Ryans came back out for another drive. Ryans led the Cavs down the field into scoring position highlighted by

two big plays from his receiving core. First, Ryans found sophomore Terrence Younger for a 29-yard completion and then senior James Long for a 26-yard completion. Younger and Long have the lone bright spots for the Cavs this season. The 11 play, 67-yard drive would lead to a one yard touchdown run by freshman Chris Grady. The touchdown would be Grady's first of his career. Senior Paul Melshen's extra point attempt was blocked and the Cavs trailed 14-6.

The Golden Eagles would later add a field goal to make the score, 17-6 after one quarter of play.

The second quarter saw several drives but only two scores. The quarter was surted off by a Golden Eagle touchdown pass from Leak to sophomore Justin Lawrence.

The Cavs answered back with a score of their own with a 33-yard field goal by Melshen. Ryans would be picked off two more times by the Golden Eagles, but the turnovers luckily didn't turn into points for the Golden Eagles.

The Cavs trailed the Golden Eagles 24-9 at halftime. The difference in the first half of the ballgame was the Golden Eagles outgained the Cavs on the ground 160-18.

The third quarter started out with some excitement as the Cavs were forced to punt on their first drive. Senior returner Ricky Steele for the Golden Eagles muffed a Tyler Graham punt. The fumble was recovered by sophomore Matt Sandoval for the Cavs. The

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## Volleyball gets first home win

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There is no place like home. UVa-Wise volleyball finally made it home to split its first two home matches in the David J. Prior Center.

Wise made quick work of Bluefield State in the first home match of the season on Tuesday by winning 3-0 (25-5, 25-9, 25-12).

On Wednesday, UVa-Wise could not hold its 1-0 lead against King University, who came back to win 3-2 (25-23, 21-25, 16-25, 25-27, 11-11).

In anticipation for the first week of home games, students came ready to see the Udy Cavalier volleyball team play against Bluefield State (0-7).

The women wasted no time in taking control of the game from the opening drop and there was not much of a fight from the opposing team.

Against the Tomatoes, the lady Cavaliers did not have such an easy night

They won the first set 25-23, but went *aa* to lose the next two sets and were forced to a fifth set. In the extra set, Wise found itself in an 8-1 deficit that would be hard to come back from. The Cavs were able to erase the deficit to 2 at

10-8, but could not regain the lead and lost 15-11 in the final set.

"We are ready to go." Head Coach Kristen Salyer said.

The signs of positivity and competing against good teams are good signs for this young volleyball squad.

With 16 freshmen in the starting line up and no seniors. Coach Salyer said, "I believe that this team can beat good teams."

Over the two games, sensational freshman Kadey Allen posted 34 kills and 27 digs. Junior Veronica Sanchez passed out 69 assists and 11 digs.

The trio of Lindsey Thicker (14), Santana Bishop (17) and Kelsey Smith (14) added 45 kills. Brittini Altmann added 32 digs.

"We started from the bottom and we are bulldozing our way up" Altmann said.

The team is taking each new team as a new opportunity to get better and gain experience and Altmann knows this is what makes this team excited to play every game.

"We are laying ready and staying focused in practice," she said.

The Cavs stand at 2-6 on the season and await to open Mountain East Conference play.

The Cavs will host Muefield College tonight at 6:30 p.m. and will open up MEC play Friday against Fairmont State with a 7 p.m. start

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Freshman standout Karley Allen goes up for a spike against King College on Sept. 18. Allen leads the Cavs in kills with 138 on the young season.