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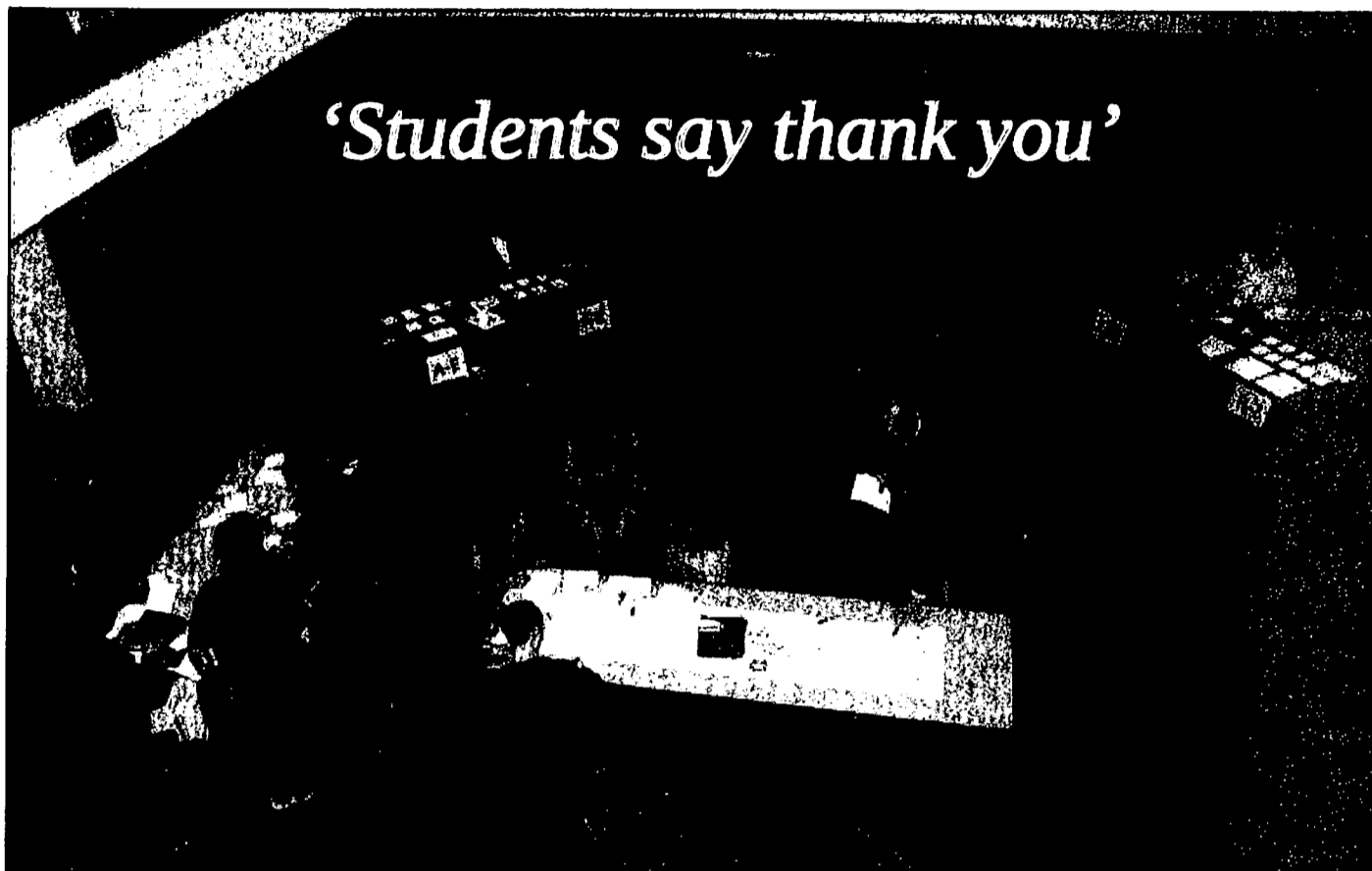


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## 'Students say thank you'

Students write thank you cards in the Slemp Student Center Atrium at The Third Annual Giving Thanks Day on Nov. 1. More than 650 personalized thank you notes were written to alumni and friends who are generous benefactors of UVa-Wise, Director of Development Valerie Lawson said. Scholarship recipients who were unable to attend the event can still write their thank you notes at the Office of Development in Bowers-Sturgill Hall, Lawson said.

## Suspended student starts online petition

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A UVa-Wise student's petition calling for his reinstatement to the college had received 105 supporters as of Monday.

Michael Peck, a senior art major, addressed the petition on change.org to Chancellor Donna Henry asking that a suspension and ban from college grounds be removed so that he may graduate this spring. Peck was suspended from the college following an October trip with the art department to Asheville, N.C. On the trip Peck open carried a handgun and was confronted by a police officer at a restaurant, Peck said.

The officer took no action regarding the interaction; however, faculty on the trip reported the incident to college officials, Peck said.

Upon returning to campus, Peck said he was

served papers banning him from campus and a hearing was set to address charges of violating the college's weapon's policy and conduct that reflects negatively on the college community. Peck was found guilty of violating the college's weapon policy, he said.

Peck said he was aware of the campus weapon's policy and took actions to avoid violation. Peck said he asked his professor if it would be possible to put his handgun in her van on the trip so that he wouldn't be bringing it onto school property. Peck said his professor was late arriving for the trip and thought Peck was joking when he initially made the request.

According to his petition, Peck said, "This decision on her part caused me to break the school's policy regarding weapons (something I didn't want to do)."

Peck said he has been seeking legal advice and is in the process of organizing a protest to

gain his reinstatement to the college.

Peck said his decision to bring the handgun on the trip was no different than the decision he makes to carry the weapon every day, for the protection of himself and those around him. Peck said he knows the laws surrounding open carrying the weapon and follows them.

College officials declined to comment on Peck's situation, but released a statement citing that Peck is within his rights to start a petition but that the college will not comment on it. College officials did not confirm Peck's being banned from campus but acknowledged that it is campus policy that a student suspended or banned from campus is also trespassed for the duration.

Peck's petition can be found online at <https://www.change.org/petitions/donna-price-henry-ph-d-remove-michael-peck-s-suspension-and-reinstate-him>.

## Concert numbers lower than expected

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The B.o.B. concert on Oct. 26 received many positive reviews from attendees; however, low attendance resulted in a financial loss for the David J. Prior Convocation Center.

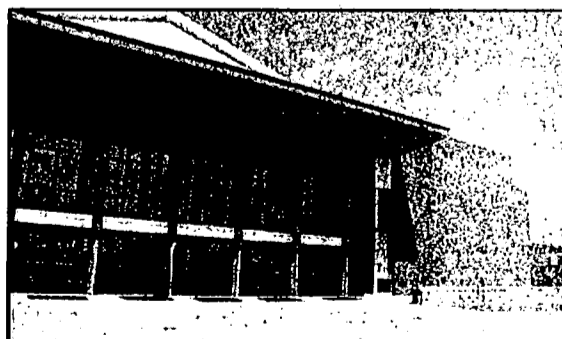
Despite working well with the artists, turnout was low, Chris Davis director of the convocation center said.

"Turnout, we weren't very happy at all with," Davis said. "I talked to several people, and I understand that the tickets

were 25 bucks with taxes in and they were maybe a little too expensive, but we looked elsewhere and they were more expensive. We lost a substantial amount of money."

Davis said last week the final numbers from the concert weren't in, but the Saturday night concert that featured opener KYLE before hip hop artist B.o.B. cost \$64,000. He said 700 people were at the concert, in the center that seats 3,500. Of those only half were bought by students, Davis said.

"KYLE is an up-and-coming artist who B.o.B.'s agent see Concert, page 5



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700 people came out to see the B.o.B. concert on Oct. 26, in the David J. Prior Convocation center that seats 3,500.

### Upcoming

#### ▶ Christmas in November

The NSLS will collect filled shoeboxes today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the SSC Jefferson Lounge. The shoeboxes will benefit Operation Christmas Child.

#### ▶ Commuter Student Forum

A student forum will be held today at 1 p.m. in the SSC Rhododendron Room for commuter students to discuss issues with the college community.

#### ▶ Entrepreneurship lecture

Bruce T. Whitehurst will deliver a lecture entitled "Banking on Entrepreneurs" Monday at 7 p.m. in the David J. Prior Convocation Center.

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# Clark works with BSG film

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have to be right for the place to be effective.

A UVa-Wise professor helped movie stars visiting a local town learn how to 'talk Appalachian.'

Amy Clark, associate professor of English, played a behind the scenes' role with the movie, "Big Stone Gap," which is being filmed in Big Stone Gap.

The book "Big Stone Gap" was written by a local author, Adriana Trigiani, and has now been turned into a script and is being filmed in the town of the same name. While Ashley Judd, Patrick Wilson, and Whoopi Goldberg are experienced actors, they needed a little help to really fit into their characters' shoes. This is where Clark came in.

In March, Clark published an essay in Blue Ridge Country magazine on the Appalachian dialect right before her book "Talking Appalachian" made its debut in April. Trigiani who is subscribed to the magazine in New York, saw the essay, and contacted Clark about helping the actors for her movie with their dialects, Clark said.

Having known Trigiani beforehand, Clark began to have email and phone conversations with her preparing for the movie.

Clark began to edit the script's grammar for a more southwest Virginia feel and wrote up a phonetic script for the characters to help them better pronounce the words like the locals. Clark also made dialect coaching CDs for the actors because Trigiani knew the dialect would

The actors were then provided a copy of Clark's book for historical reference on where the dialect came from, why there were often stigmas toward it and what influenced them to come about.

When given the book, Ashley Judd tweeted, "It's time to read 'Talking Appalachian: Voice, Identity & Community' for @bsgmovie I love my home dialect."

Because Clark could not be on set 12-14 hours each day, the assistant director has called Clark on occasion with questions of pronunciation.

Just when Clark thought that would be the extent of her involvement, the assistant director of the film messaged her inquiring whether or not she had a dog. When Clark said yes, they got her to immediately bring her Golden Retriever, Sadie, to the set.

Sadie participated in a scene in the movie with Ashley Judd then proceeded to jump in a nearby creek and went on to jump onto Judd. Clark was mortified at first, but then realized that was exactly what the directors had wanted all along and Judd loved it.

"We live in downtown Big Stone, so we've seen the filming happening on a daily basis, and the actors have been out and about since they arrived," Clark said. "We'll always remember that Sunday that our dog got to be in the movie, and my husband enjoyed his role as a dog wrangler. Those experiences by themselves have been great, but for



Photo courtesy of Amy Clark

Associate professor of English, Amy Clark, (right) is seen here pictured with Jenna Elfman one of the actresses in the "Big Stone Gap" movie being shot Big Stone Gap. Clark has been working with the film as dialect coach and contributed to the movie's script. While she helped out behind the scenes, Clark's Golden Retriever, Sadie, made a guest appearance in the film.

me as a writer to have worked directly with Adriana and the script was the most beneficial of all." Trigiani is also supporting a research study called the Origin Project. Students of local schools will be researching their families, getting oral histories, and submitting them for publication. "Adriana does a great deal of research for her novels and wants kids to have the experience of a collaborative writing and publishing project that will be all

about them and their community," Clark said.

Locals and students from UVa-Wise, including alumni theater majors Caitlin Stewart and Harmony Tripp, have also had roles in the movie too.

Clark encourages interested students to sign up for "Talking Appalachian," a spring semester course. The course covers Appalachian dialects from Pennsylvania to Georgia and is open to non-majors.

## SGA expansion passes campus with 111-12 vote

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The SGA amendment adding four new senators was passed on Oct. 31. Student participation in the campus wide vote for an SGA expansion was low.

The amendment passed 111-12. Petitions were available until Oct. 11. Elections for the four new senators will take place Dec. 2-5. The new senators will be installed and active next semester.

Dean of Students and SGA advisor Jewell Worley said the senator expansion reflects the SGA's need to maintain a population representative of the student body and college's growth.

"From the student's perspective, the SGA has talked this year about how we have had the exact same number of senators representing each class for years now," Worley said. "At least for the past 13 years, and our population has changed. Our college has grown considerably since the name change in 1999, but we have not addressed the change in the number of students, which is now over 2,000. The SGA is such an active organization. The senators really felt like a small number of people were sharing a pretty significant workload."

Worley said she isn't sure why the voter turnout was low. "I'm not really sure why, maybe it is because it is the time of the year that is, that students are focused on other things at this point in time," she said. "I felt like the SGA did a good job of advertising, with the big posters out. The day it : SGA voted to move the amendment forward, I sent the email out," Worley said.

SGA also set up a table in the Smith Dining Commons for students to vote. Marlo Martinez, a sophomore English and communications double major, said their presence in the cafeteria was the only reason he ended up voting.

"I actually really didn't have a reason to

vote," Martinez said. "I guess someone was sitting down next to the cafeteria and they had a laptop and were like, 'Here, vote!' so I said ok."

Some students were still concerned about adding the senators. A few referenced an addition from last year, section 4, article three, to the executive branch, which added an advisory cabinet to the president. Some students said they were concerned that SGA was expanding too much.

Worley said it wasn't. "Adding four senators is a way of increasing the voice of the students on the SGA," Worley said. "I've had a lot of requests for petitions; there's been a lot of interest in students running for the new senate seats."

The new senators will be trained in usual semester training in parliamentary procedure, their constitution, procurement practices for allocating money and others so that they will be installed in a smooth transition.

SGA meetings will also be moved to the Ferguson room next semester. The committees in the organization have also been restructured.

Worley, who has served as SGA advisor for 21 years during her tenure at UVa-Wise, said she's excited about the change and the SGA's future.

"I've loved the SGA," she said. "I think that our SGA is a premier leadership opportunity on campus. This is a different level of student leadership. One more thing I would like to add is that Senator Brett Hall, chairperson of the Constitution and Bylaws committee has been absolutely phenomenal to work with this year. He actually headed the committee that drafted the amendment."

Hall said he was proud to have a hand in the amendment.

"I feel like it's the right direction for the SGA to be able to reach out to students academically in the manner that we're supposed to," Hall said. "If we're going to keep doing the social events we need to make sure we're getting the academics as well."

## News Brief

### ROTC program to remain at Wise

Chancellor Donna Henry announced Friday at a "Proud to be an American" week event honoring veterans that the UVa-Wise ROTC program will not close.

The UVa-Wise program operates under East Tennessee State University's ROTC program which the U.S. Army had previously planned to shut down along with programs at two other Tennessee universities. Without a parent program, the UVa-Wise program would have also had to shut down.

However, Tennessee lawmakers were able to successfully lobby the U.S. Army to reconsider.

Both programs will remain open as the review continues.

### UVa-Wise College Relations

#### Chancellor signs agreement with law school

The University of Virginia's College at Wise and the Appalachian School of Law signed an agreement last Thursday so that UVa-Wise students who want to pursue a law degree from the Appalachian School of Law will get preferential admission.

The agreement ensures UVa-Wise students who meet specific criteria will be accepted as a student for graduate work in law at ASL.

Chancellor Donna Henry and ASL Dean Chief Executive Officer Lucy S. McGough signed the agreement in the Lila Vickers Smith House on the UVa-Wise campus.

### UVa-Wise College Relations

#### Theta Phi Alpha to host 5K

Theta Phi Alpha will host a 5K to benefit the Food Bank of Wise in their Thanksgiving efforts this year. The race will be held Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. at the David J. Prior Convocation Center.

Preregistration for \$20 will take place Nov. 18-22. Day of registration will be \$25. Registered runners will receive a Dri-Fit t-shirt. Runners who bring three canned food items will receive a \$3 discount from their registration fee. Contact Heather Pearson at hrp7x@uvawise.edu for more information.

-Todd Galyean

# Is the new library really needed?

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what advances we have had in the science and technology fields.

I have heard talk of nap rooms, game rooms (Why?), and restaurants that will be put in (which sounds superb, actually), but I don't even see how any of that pertains to a library.

While some of the suggestions sound great, it sounds like people are just trying to take up space in this thing.

The library is intended to be a quiet retreat for reading and studying or working on your homework, and I hardly see how a game room will aid in that.

All these suggestions and ideas seem better fit for that giant thing you see when you first come onto campus.

It's called the student center, and we have it for a reason. If nothing else, instead of trying to make a whole new community center setting in a library, why not add expansions to the student center to make it more fun since that is where every student goes to hang out?

People are quick to point out that the money for this is being donated, but when I checked online on the UVa-Wise construction update it says the project is being funded by "state funds

for capital projects for educational institutions." So there goes that argument.

Now couldn't we have spread that money around campus more?

A three, maybe four story library seems adequate I suppose and if all that money was going to something for this library, how about the construction of an extra two to three stories, but some books.

I know, that sounds crazy. Books in a library, what a wild concept.

My point is this giant library is practically useless without books to fill it and because by the sound of it, we're trying to make a second student center for every activity you can imagine. Doing so kind of defeats the purpose of a library and isn't going to be beneficial to the student who actually needs to study in the least.

Not only that, but how much have we spent to reinforce that hill so Darden doesn't fall off the hill? (Yes, that's a real issue...)

This thing just seems like a big attempt to show off how much we have on our teeny tiny campus and how much money we have to spend on what we don't need instead of more important issues.

After going in the campus library for the fourth time in my entire college career and being a senior, I really got to thinking about this new library we are constructing on campus.

Why exactly are we building it? For the four people that actually use the place or for the books useless to any paper I have ever written with the newest information being from the 1970s?

I don't get it, really. The only time I have ever seen a significant amount of people in the library is midterms or finals week.

So why are we needing a six story library exactly?

It seems like a giant waste of money to me because not only do people rarely use the library, but the purpose of a library is to have books for whatever you may need, which we obviously do not.

What we have now barely even fills our little two story library and the books are so old, the information is hardly relevant, especially with

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**5 fun facts about  
Turkeys**

Compiled by the Kande Wallace

When the Air Force was conducting test runs and breaking the sound barrier, fields of turkeys would have heart attacks and die.

91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day. (100% of turkeys eaten taste like Heaven.)

Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.

A turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour.

A turkey can read The Highland Cavalier from 100 yards away. (It's their choice read.)

# A day in the life of a commuter

Submitted by Brett Hall

The University of Virginia's College at Wise was not my first round draft pick when selecting which college I would attend when I was a senior in high school.

It was not my first choice, but here I am. Here I sit in the John Cook Wyllie Library, surrounded by studious souls, all four of them, Facebooking and chatting about what the weekend may hold and I wouldn't have it any other way.

I have become very connected to this school and the people in it, and I would not, knowing what I do now, have ever chosen another university in the United States to attend for my undergraduate degree.

It hasn't always been a place that I have looked forward to seeing through my windshield each and every morning, however.

I remember one of the determining factors in where I would attend college was location. Wise was a place where I could live at home and save money by making the 15 minute drive from my hometown of Coeburn. In this respect, I didn't necessarily choose Wise, it chose me.

This plan of action didn't really pan out the way I had expected. My friends who chose to live on campus had a right enjoyable time, having a place to sleep between classes and learning how to stay up late at night, killing one another on "Call of Duty."

These folks seemed to find a common bond, while we commuters seemed to be a little bit more than out of the loop.

I remember many days, having an hour or two to burn between classes, and simply driving back home because I felt I had nowhere to go.

I remember well the day I told my dad that I was ready to quit college and take over the family business.

It was the spring semester of my sophomore year. We sat down and had a long conversation; one in which he did most of the talking and I did most of the listening.

At the end of this conversation, it was settled that I would continue my college career. This proved to be the best decision I never actually made.

I am here now and I couldn't be happier. I chose to become more involved in the world of UVa-Wise academia, and I finally know what it is like to have that connection among my peers and professors that I was once missing out on.

Being a commuter isn't an easy lifestyle. One has to go above and beyond the normal level of gregariousness in order to find their role in college life as a commuter.

For that reason, this week is the very first of hopefully a long line of weeks in which the SGA at UVa-Wise will reach out a hand in appreciation to those who live the metee that is otherwise known as commuting.

Please show your support by participating in this week's events!

Thank You,  
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# \$365 raised for local girl

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Little girls became princesses for the day Saturday to benefit a local kindergarten student at Wise Primary School.

The event, which was called 'Princess for a Day' was held at Greear Gymnasium and raised money for Hannah Beth Salyer, who has cancer. Phi Sigma Sigma organized the event.

The event was geared toward girls from the community and was open to the public. The event was free to attend, and all funds were raised through donations.

"The event was opened to the public," Helen Osborne, junior biology major and Phi Sigma Sigma philanthropy chair said. "We took donations and it was opened for girls to come and have fun."

There were several activities available for the girls to participate in at the event. Phi Sigma Sigma provided food such as cake and candy.

The girls had their hair and makeup done, and there were costumes, arts and crafts. The girls also decorated crowns and made princess banners.

Hannah Beth Salyer's cheerleading squad, Dynamic Cheer, also made an appearance.

The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma as well joined in the costumed aspect dressing as princesses.

Phi Sigma Sigma was able to raise a total of \$365 for Salyer and her family through the event.

"We don't have an exact number as far as attendance, but we had a good turnout," Osborne said. "All of Hannah Beth's friends came and her cheerleading squad. The event was a success."

Prior to the event, Phi Sigma Sigma had previously honored Salyer at another event.

"Hannah Beth was an honorary guest on philanthropy night during recruitment," Osborne said. "We made a goodie bag for her and gave it to her at the event on Saturday."



Photo courtesy Phi Sigma Sigma  
Members of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority present Hannah Beth Salyer, a Wise Primary School student who has cancer with a get well soon card Saturday at Greear Gymnasium. Phi Sigma Sigma hosted 'Princess for a Day' and raised \$365 through donations for Salyer's cause.

# Cavs look to turn it around

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The UVa-Wise Cavalier volleyball team dropped four of its last five matches of the season at home and eight of the last nine matches.

The home stand began with losses against West Liberty University on Nov. 1 and West Virginia Wesleyan on Nov. 2. The Cavs dropped both matches 3-0.

The Cavaliers ended a seven game losing streak by winning the third of five home matches by defeating Concord University 3-0 (25-22, 26-24, 25-23) on Nov. 5.

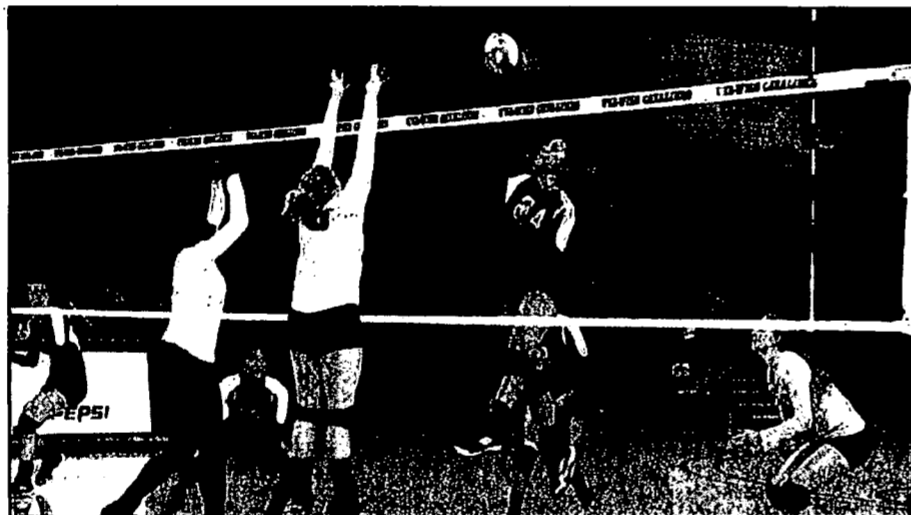
The Cavs victory came with a strong performance from freshman Karley Allen, who led the team with 22 kills and 13 digs.

Junior Veronica Sanchez distributed 31 assists to her teammates for the team-high and Junior Britni Altmann contributed a team-high 16 digs in the victory.

The Cavs went on to lose the final two home matches of the regular season three sets to none to the University of Charleston on Nov. 8 and West Virginia State on Nov. 9.

This year has been filled with ups and downs for the UVa-Wise volleyball team (7-19, 2-12 MEC).

There's talent on this year's team, but they are lacking seniority in many positions on the floor. The transition to the NCAA Division II level



Josh Weaver | The Highland Cavalier  
The UVa-Wise volleyball team will look to turn things around this weekend. The Cavs play W.Va. Wesleyan on Friday at 7 p.m. and Glenville State Saturday at 1 p.m.

has also been something that the team has been trying to figure out as their lack of senior leadership has been a problem all season.

The Cavs have shown signs that they can provide the focus, energy and grit to pull out wins, but they must provide consistency to become a real threat in the future.

In the month of November, Allen leads the Cavs with 64 kills while also posting 56 digs. Sanchez has a team-high 114 assists.

Altmann has a team-high 72 digs and freshman Santana Bishop has added 31 kills and 16 blocks.

The Cavs have two regular season matches to be played this weekend in Buchanan, W.Va. against West Virginia Wesleyan on Friday at 7 p.m. and in Glenville, W.Va., against Glenville State on Saturday at 1 p.m.

The MEC Volleyball Tournament will be held Nov. 18-23.

# Poet speaks at coffee night

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Poetry is both versatile and utilitarian, a poet told the crowd at his lecture last Friday.

Dean Rader, a professor of English at the University of San Francisco, headlined the premier of the fall 2013 edition of the Jimson Weed Thursday evening and delivered a lecture entitled "Can Poetry do Anything? And If So, What?" Friday in the Chapel of All Faiths.

Rader transitioned through his lecture by reading selections from his own and other's poetry, both serious and light. Rader said the range of the poetry showed just how many uses poetry has.

"I think poetry is really versatile," Rader said. "It's utilitarian. You can use it. I think it can actually help people. I think in these times where we have less and less time they're perfect. It's short. It's mobile. It's quick."

Rader said he first developed a passion for poetry working on a reading assignment in college.

"I was in our cafeteria and I opened it up and there was James Wright poems on one side, and W.S. Merwin poems on the other and I remember reading those poems and I felt like the cafeteria was literally moving away from me like I was sliding back," he said. "I had this real feeling of this expanding universe. I remember thinking if there is that kind of stuff out there in the world, what else is there?"

Rader said poetry just had a different substance to it than other mediums.

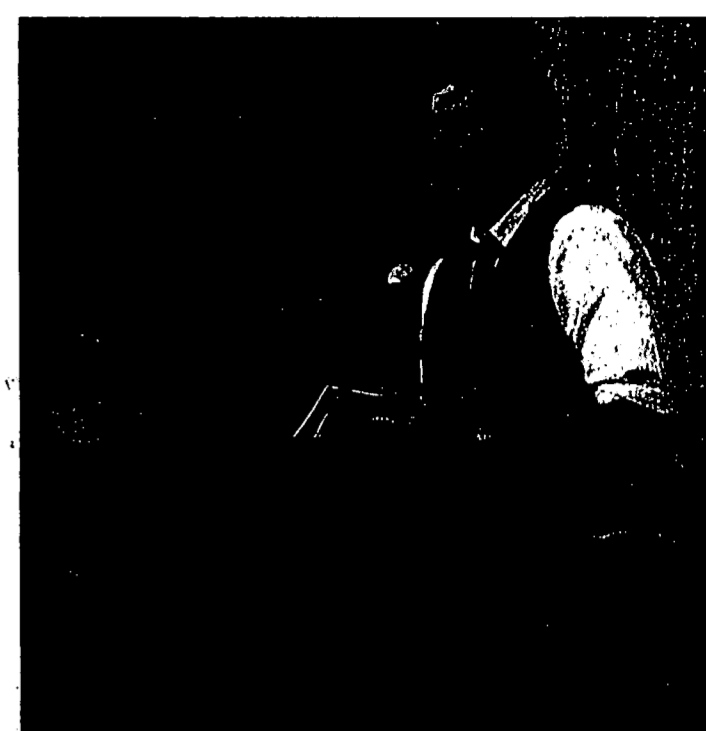
"I felt more moved by poetry than I did by fiction, so I then started thinking, 'I wonder if I can do that?'" Rader said. "I thought, 'If it's this much fun reading I wonder if I could write it.'"

Rader said that his entry into poetry yielded a lot of bad poems initially, and that it took time to hone his craft. He admitted that even today not all of them are winners, and if he writes 12 poems in a year he thinks maybe three or four are even good.

Rader said while there is bad poetry out there it does all have its place.

"I don't care if it's good poetry or bad poetry. I don't know what's at stake on if something is good or bad," Rader said. "I don't care if people read poems that I think are bad, clichéd or whatever."

Rader said he encourages students to dive into the world of poetry. He said there's something out there for everyone, but he does understand that the initial dive is often the most difficult part.



Josh Weaver | The Highland Cavalier  
Dean Rader, a professor of English at the University of San Francisco, speaks to students and community members last Thursday at the Jimson Weed's annual coffee night.

Rader said a few good starting places online are poets.org, poetry-foundation.org, thebestamericanpoetry.com and The Writers Almanac with Garrison Kellor.

Rader said that while most good readers of poetry due tend to be poets or become poets, one size doesn't fit all and everyone and everything has its place.

"I think increasingly as our world becomes more complex and technical the world is going to need people that are comfortable with language," he said. "People are going to need writers to help explain the world to them. I think poetry is great vehicle for that."

For more information about Dean Rader or to check out his work, students should visit [www.deanrader.com](http://www.deanrader.com).

## Concert

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said, you know, if you're looking for an opening act, he's cheap. But he seemed like he pumped up the crowd pretty good," Davis said.

Some blame the concert at East Tennessee State University featuring hip hop artist Wiz Khalifa, which occurred the Sunday after, for low ticket sales.

Some just blame the price of the tickets, which came to \$25 after taxes. Others simply weren't interested in the hip hop genre.

"I had a lot of people come back and say they enjoyed B.O.B.'s concert more than Wiz Khalifa [at ETSU]," Davis said. "We tried to keep it economically effective, but we didn't have a huge student turnout or a huge community turnout."

This recalls a hit the convocation center took last year, when Lonestar was brought in and low attendance caused the college to lose

money.

"It's going to make it very difficult in the future to bring back a B.o.B type artist. But, this is not going to stop us from trying to do things. We're still going to try to bring in different types of entertainment," Davis said. "I hate to use the cliché term, 'It's all about the money,' but it really is."

Davis said that he has noticed good attendance results from southern rock tribute bands that the center has brought in before.

The convocation center is also hosting the Taste of Home Cooking School Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and are available online at [etix.com](http://etix.com).

Overall, Davis took the concert as a learning experience. Next time, general admission will probably be offered, Davis said.

"I never really have worked with this level of entertainment before, before this building opened. We're learning. We always ask, 'What can we do better?'" Davis said.

In the end, Davis said that B.o.B.'s agent and entourage were very impressed with the convocation center, and the audience of 700 was by far not the lowest attendance the performer has seen.

He had played for just 200 at his last stop.

Chris Holbrook, an undeclared sophomore, attended the concert and really enjoyed his experience.

"Yeah it was fun, pretty upbeat," Holbrook said. "It was wild. Oh yeah, KYLE wasn't the best opener, but I'll give him props for getting up there and dancing and singing anyway. He tried, but B.o.B. killed it."

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# Thor returns to save the day

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"Thor: The Dark World", premiered at a strangely early 9:30 p.m. Thursday, on what many called: Thursday.

Before watching the second exclusively Thor focused film, it seems pretty important that you watch the first installment in the series, as well as "The Avengers," otherwise you'll probably be hopelessly confused.

The first few minutes of the film reveal the new villains, dark elves, and thus the meaning of the title as well.

A great war ensues, as with the last movie, that leaves the Asgardian army victorious and the bad guys fleeing into the depths of space to wait for the right moment to come back and break everything.

(Fun fact, the eyeholes in the dark elves' soldier masks were cut slightly lower so that the actors would be forced to look down at others and appear more dignified.)

Unlike recent superhero movies that have premiered, where you

darkly realize while leaving the theater that thousands of people would have realistically died in the superights, most of the film took place in Asgard, and that's no one we know, so we can be happy.

You also realize while watching, that the trailers for the second Thor film misquoted virtually every line to imply a different setting for the plot.

In the end, it followed Marvel movie style in supplying the audience with plenty of action punctuated by several laughs to keep the overall lighthearted feel.

It was pretty funny at parts, and I suppose it was worth Chris Evans showing up for just a single joke.

Jane Foster does show up to bring in a love story aspect, but it's not too much as to swallow the movie.

And because all the ladies are wondering, Tom Hiddleston is a pretty big part of the movie, so don't worry.

For those patient few who wait until after the credits, you are treated with a hint of the next film in the series.

My comic nerd friends men-



Photo courtesy of Marvel.com/Thor

tioned Thanos and the Infinity Gauntlets, whatever that means.

For those even more patient few who wait until the end of the longer credits, you are treated with

an almost unnecessary second scene that I honestly could have lived without.

Unless you were curious about a snow monster.

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# Kunzman's Cavs are very young, but ready

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Head coach Kristin Kunzman will have to replace more than 50 percent of her offense and team from the 2012-2013 season. Kunzman lost six players to graduation and a major piece to her offense in NAIA honorable mention All-American Chelsea Cluesman.

Cluesman averaged 17.2 points per game and 8.6 rebounds per contest a year ago. Cluesman finished her career with 1,410 points, good enough for ninth all-time in school history.

Kunzman and her UVa-Wise Cavalier squad return five players from last season including Mid-South Co-Freshman of the Year sophomore Makenzie Cluesman. The younger Cluesman averaged 11 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.4 assists in her freshman campaign.

"I'm definitely going to miss playing with my sister. She taught me a lot and it was good having her out there on the court," Cluesman said. "I feel like I need to be more comfortable with my shot and do whatever I can on the floor."

Junior Katie Jo Lester returns after averaging about six points per game a season ago. Lester will look to provide leadership and a scoring threat for the Cavs.

"We did lose [Chelsea] Cluesman, so I'm going to have to step up being more aggressive on offense and defense," Lester said "I feel like as a player, I have gotten more mature and can read things better."

Lester will look to provide leadership and a three-point threat to the Cavs' offense for Kunzman.

"Katie Jo [Lester] has set a goal to have more of a scoring mentality and she knows we need that from her," Kunzman said.

Junior point guard Kenzie Poindexter returns to run the Cavs offense for Kunzman after starting in 25 of the Cavs' 29 games last season.

The Cavs also return sophomore Kaitlyn Rochelle and senior Reynesha Archer, who will look to add valuable minutes this season.

Kunzman has added seven new faces to



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Freshman Kayla Carey (42), Junior Kate Jo Lester (23), junior Kenzie Poindexter (11) and sophomore Kaitlyn Rochelle (44) watch as the Cavs go through a drill in practice.

the roster in freshmen that include Taylor Sandidge, Jessi Whaley, Yasmine Tweedy, Ashante Humphries, Megan Smith, Kayla Carey and Makenzie Hensley.

"We are young and growing everyday," Kunzman said. "I think there is a big learning curve and I think that is exciting because we are going up everyday."

Sandidge will be looked upon to step up early for Kunzman this season as a freshman.

"She plays a one or two guard, she can score, get to the rim and she has a quick first step," Kunzman said.

With many new faces on the roster, the team will also see a new conference in the NCAA Division II Mountain-East Conference.

In the preseason polls, Kunzman and the Cavs were predicted to finish in last place as

the new team on the block.

"It's a lot of unexpected and there are some question marks," Kunzman said. "I am interested to see how we matchup with the other teams and how we fit in the conference."

The Cavs have already played familiar foes in the MEC in past seasons - Concord University and Fairmont State University. While playing in the MEC, the Cavs will also play a former NAIA rival in The University of Pikeville, in a home-away series.

The Cavs will travel to NCAA Division I opponent Campbell University in December for an exhibition contest.

The Cavs will play their first home contest in the Prior Center, Nov. 23 when they host Urbana University for the first MEC basketball event in school history with tipoff set for 2 p.m.

## Football

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football today."

Lusk praised his seniors, who haven't had the ideal season for their first season of NCAA Division II play.

"These seniors have been unbelievable, it's really when you're 9-0 but when you're 1-8 and your team still plays like they did today," Lusk said.

"That's all the credit going to the seniors, they have held us together. They have taught the younger

kids what it takes to work hard and win."

With the win the Cavs move to 2-8 on the season and 2-6 in MEC play.

The Hilltoppers fell to 3-7 on the season and 3-5 in conference play.

The Cavs will be back in action Saturday as they travel to Fairmont W.Va., to take on the Fairmont State Falcons in the final game of the 2013 season.

Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. and action can be found on WAXM 93.5 or online at [www.uvawise-cavs.com](http://www.uvawise-cavs.com).



## Basketball

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Deon Boyce and sophomore Matt Day. Moore led the team with 17.8 points per game despite missing the last six games due to a foot injury.

Moore will be relied on to play a lot of minutes this season as he will be expected to provide most of the Cavs' backcourt offense.

"I've added a floater to my game and a mid-range jumper," Moore said. "We have a lot maturity coming back last year and now we know what type of intensity to bring to each game."

Boyce returns for his senior season looking to dominate in the paint. Boyce averaged a double-double last season with 12.3 points per game and 13.6 points per game.

"I think and not to put any pressure on him, but I think he will be one of the best post players in the league," said Mellinger on Boyce's intensity on the court.

Day returns off of a season in which he played in all 26 games for the Cavs in which he gained a lot of valuable learning experience from his freshman season. Day is coming off of a season in which he averaged over 11

points per game and seven rebounds.

"I think last year was a big year building wise," Day said "This year coming in, I feel like I'll have a better mindset and be able to do more of the things I did in high school,"

Sophomore Charles George will be stepping into the starting point guard role this season taking over for Darius Smith, who was dismissed from the team after last season. George averaged 5.1 points per game and 2.2 assists per game last season.

Mellinger will look to senior James Turner to be the emotional leader and team leader this season.

This is Turner's third season for the Cavs and has played a big role each season. Turner averaged over six points per game and grabbed over five rebounds per game.

"This is the time to step up, I think we can actually go pretty far in this new league," Turner said. "I've been working on my three ball a lot this season. We just got to show what we can do this season and I'm pretty confident."

Looking to play key roles for the Cavs this season will be junior Tyler Maggard, redshirt freshman Jordan Smith, sophomore Paul Evans and sophomore Pape Mor Sall.

The Cavs will play King University in a home-away series this season and Lincoln Memorial on the road along with their new MEC conference schedule.

The MEC preseason polls came out on Nov. 8 and the Cavs were selected to finish 11th.

West Liberty University was picked to win the inaugural MEC conference title which is fresh off their elite eight appearance in the NCAA Division-II tournament.

Mellinger and the Cavs are hoping to use what they have learned from playing in the physical Mid-South conference and translate that to NCAA play.

"Experience and having a lot of guys back that are familiar with the things we do which is the biggest thing for us," Mellinger said. "We are getting really good leadership, but of guys like Deon [Boyce], Javon [Moore] and James [Turner]. They are really stepping up and those are guys I will be counting on here early. They have to be coaches on the court for me."

The Cavs will open up the home part of their schedule on Nov. 20 against Virginia University-Lynchburg and MEC play on Nov. 23 with Urbana University.

