**Murder Leads to Questions about Domestic Violence**

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On November 6, 1999, a woman was found murdered in Big Stone Gap, VA. Apparently the woman was the victim of a domestic violence attack that was taken to the extreme of homicide.

Details are sketchy, but the events surrounding the woman’s death point to domestic abuse.

Coincidentally, the University of Virginia’s College at Wise recently held a Domestic Violence Awareness Program which discussed the signs and symptoms of domestic violence and also provided valuable resources on how to get help. This incident raises important questions about domestic violence, and it also makes people aware that it could happen to someone they know.

**Progress Report on the New Tennis Courts**

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The program which was presented by Janie Funk, Community Educator from the Office of Family Crisis Support Services, outlines some of the major signs that someone might be in an abusive relationship. These signs include verbally abusive language, the abuser usually being edgy around others, wanting to be with the person every minute, hitting doors and walls out of anger, and the way he or she treats other people. If one of the individuals in the relationship exhibits these types of behavior, then the other party is definitely in danger of becoming a victim of domestic abuse. Caution should be taken towards the abuser, and the abused should seek help as soon as possible.

Also prominent in the fencing, green-vinyl-coated for rust-resistance and designed to optimize the view from the new bleachers. The three two-court surfaces will be lighted by twenty-seven high-direct lighting poles, the best in the industry.

The pavilion and parking lot will have bathrooms and picnic tables, and looks to be a gathering place for students.

“It’s been a slower process than we wished for, but that was necessary,” says Carroll Dale, director of athletics, of the construction process.

“We’ve been pretty fortunate with the weather, though.”

Jim Dunlop, a court-builder, explains the court-building process. First, the asphalt is leveled by grading and patching. Then four coats of acrylic sealer are applied to the surface for painting and coloring. About 700 gallons of sealer will be required for the entire project.

On Wednesday November 17, the sealing process will be complete on courts one and two.

The problem is that the abused usually keeps the abuse to him or herself, and the couple’s friends are usually kept in the dark on any complications in the relationship. The woman in Wise was the unfortunate victim of domestic violence because no one around her sought to get her help from the abuse.

If you know anyone who is the victim of domestic violence get them help before it’s too late. For more information about stopping them help before it’s too late.

**New Science Building Dissected**

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I’m not an architect, but I do know one thing about buildings: the fact that they age by time and need to be taken care of, just like human beings. Our science building, for instance, was built in 1965. Since then, not a single renovation was made to the 35-year-old building, except some attempts to improve its poor air handling. Those who are taking laboratory courses such as chemistry in the existing science building are probably aware of the insufficiency that is currently being experienced in terms of research space, ventilation, plumbing, and electrical systems. But if we take a look at our college’s history, we’ll probably see the reasons lying behind these problems.

The existing science building was designed to serve a 2-year college at a time when the college didn’t offer any science degrees, and the student body was around 800. The college administration is also intending to reach a critical mass of 2000 students by the year 2002. The problem is very clear: the existing science building is no longer capable of providing the services that our scientists need. The solution: a modern extension that will improve our productivity for the upcoming millennium.

To some faculty members, the achievements that have been made in the existing science facility within its lifetime are considered “a miracle, when observed from a scientific perspective”. The building went out behind the times, and space became insufficient. Currently there’s not enough space for student and faculty research, the ventilation is inadequate, and the facility is insufficient by current health standards. According to Mr. Sim Ewing, Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration, “short-term solutions were implemented in the past by putting extra walls to divide the existing space in the science building into smaller ones, but due to crowding, a new long-term solution was needed”. Right alongside, Prof. Van Daniels who is currently teaching chemistry, believes that the “science building is not really a totally healthy place for the faculty and students. Space needs to be expanded and air-handling standards need to be brought up to modern standards”. Prof. Daniels, who is actively involved in the project of a new science building also thinks that “the existing building wasn’t designed correctly for the purpose in mind”.

The most rational and feasible way to deal with the situation was to create a fairly substantial addition to the existing building, and renovating the worn-out part of the structure afterwards. Currently the plan is to position the high-tech chemistry labs in the new building, and use the old (existing) building as a classroom facility. Volatile chemicals require good ventilation for higher safety; therefore the administration is intending to spend all the money available to construct the new additional science building. After the occupation of the new structure, the existing building will be completely renovated as soon as adequate funds will be made available. The new science building is designed to accommodate all of the chemistry programs on its top floor. The floor plan is as follows: the ground floor will accommodate the biology programs such as modern biology, cell biology and other biotech subjects that are more chemically oriented. On the other hand, the top floor of the existing science building will be modified to accommodate the biology programs that do not require the usage of hazardous chemicals, whereas the ground floor will be allocated for physics and biology classes.

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**Sports**

**Men's basketball team splits Asbury games**

The University of Virginia's College at Wise women's basketball team split its two games this past weekend with a lot of new faces. Key senior players from last year's team graduated in May, so the Cavaliers were looking for success as they continued the season on the road against two teams, both with successful programs.

In the first half, the Cavaliers went on to defeat the Bluefield Bobcats 73-56. The game started off with a bang as the Bobcats only scored 16 points in the first half, whereas the Cavaliers had 55 points.

In summary, the Cavaliers had a great offensive game against the Bobcats, with 28 points in the second half alone. The team had 40 assists and 36 rebounds, showcasing their teamwork and ability to score points across the board.

On the other hand, the Cavaliers fell to the Bluefield Bobcats in the second half, losing 73-66. The Bobcats had 20 points in the first half, while the Cavaliers had 56. Despite a strong offensive performance in the first half, the Cavaliers were unable to maintain their momentum in the second half.

In conclusion, the Cavaliers showed great potential in their first game against the Bobcats, but they need to work on their defense against the Bluefield Bobcats in their second game. With a new season and new faces, it will be interesting to see how the team progresses in the coming games.

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**Football team falls short of playoff goal**

The Highland Cavaliers' season came to an end on Saturday, November 18, as they lost 7-2 to the Dayton Flyers. This loss marked the end of the team's playoff hopes, as they fell short of reaching the final 16 teams of the playoffs.

Despite a strong performance in the first half, the Cavaliers were unable to maintain their momentum in the second half, losing 7-2 to the Dayton Flyers. The team had a strong offensive game, but they were unable to convert their chances into points in the second half.

**Lady Cavs seek identity**

After being eliminated from the playoffs, the Lady Cavaliers are in search of a new identity. They have a lot of new faces on the team and need to find a way to gel and work together.

As the team prepares for the upcoming season, they will need to focus on building a strong bond and developing a new identity. With a new season and new faces, it will be interesting to see how the team progresses in the coming games.

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**Noteable stats:**

- The Cavaliers had 28 points in the second half alone.
- The team had 40 assists and 36 rebounds.
- The Cavaliers had 56 points in the first half, while the Bobcats had 20.
- The Cavaliers fell short of reaching the final 16 teams of the playoffs.
- The team will need to focus on building a strong bond and developing a new identity.
Gran Folklorico de Mexico Provides a Cultural Blast

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Something must be said for a troupe of performers that has received a standing ovation at every single performance on their present tour. Last Saturday at UUA-Wise Greear Gymnasium, the internationally renowned Ballet Grand Folklorico de Mexico presented Mexican cultures of the past and present, in a dazzling display of song and dance.

As the event began, it seemed a little slow and low on energy, but picked up speed immediately. Both the crowd and the players were pumped within minutes, and energy built exponentially as the show progressed.

Much of the dancing involved extensive footwork, somewhat like the Irish "Riverdance." As the players stepped, tapped, stomped, and clicked their shoes, a recognizable music erupted into the air.

Arranged in colorful costumes, the thirty-five members of the group began their act with an Aztec dance commemorating the Sun, in which a dancer brought forth a flame. Through dance, thanks were given to the Sun and the Earth. As the show progressed, energy built exponentially as the crowd and players picked up speed immediately.

The main background music to the show contained Native American elements, with mostly bagpipes and drums, and Davis's high pitched vocals. It is a very good and deep song. The video is also consistent with their last video "Freak on a Leash." The song "Falling Away From Me" is not a sequel in itself, but the video is a follow-up to its "Freak on a Leash."

"4U", the fourth track on the album, shows a different kind of song for Korn. It is a short, calm song when compared to the rest of the album. It uses synthesized effects to give the song lots of depth. The flange effect on the vocals accents this extremely well.

"Hey Daddy" comes soon after, and we are back to follow the Leader it seems. With the return of the wa-wa effect on the guitars, and Davis's high pitched vocals, the chorus does the depressingly loud and heavy Korn style.

The rest of the album follows with this style. Loud heavy vocals and guitars, accompanied with dark undertones. With sounds and rhythms that bring back fond memories of the self-titled album, and without the hip-hop of the last. Cleaner vocals and better song writing is the final separation from the first album. This is the best album Korn has released and I recommend this album to everyone.

Bone Collector Chills Audiences

Director Phillip Noyce has paced the film in a way that leaves the viewer pondering all the evidence throughout the movie. The Bone Collector doesn't rush to uncover its plot. In fact, the moderate pace gives the actors a chance to intensify their characters. Queen Latifah as Thelma, Lincoln's live-in nurse and Luis Guzman, as Eddie, the joker computer ace add comedic relief to The Bone Collector.

From an initial viewpoint The Bone Collector was everything a good thriller should be, its characters were more than mere cardboard cutouts of every other horror movie we see on the big screen. Overall, the movie was an exciting change over the drab films that has recently been put out.

On the other hand, The Bone Collector was a good suspense thriller, but lacked what it takes to be a great suspense thriller. It is a good movie to invest two hours in, but don't look for it at this year's Academy Awards.

Korn Has Issues

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Issues, the new largely hyped album from Korn hit the shelves Tuesday, November 16. This album has high expectations with the winner of the Korn Cover Contest being announced live on MTV's Korn TV last week followed by the debut of the first single "Falling Away From Me." The band has once again transitioned, but instead of evolving it seems they have regressed from the hip-hop beats on the last album, Follow the Leader, back the aggressiveness of their self-titled album. This is nothing new for old Korn fans to swallow, but new fans who are used to the hip-hop beats will find them lacking in this new album.

8-year old Jennifer of Coeburn summed up the performance: "I think they're good!" Computer science professor Roes Grable had seen the troupe before, and says it was "just as great as I [Grable] remember it." Coeburn HS sophomore Rachel Hileman liked the "deer scene"; she understands the deer's plight and hopes others glean the same.

My grade: A.