

Student Forum on New Campus Construction

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News Editor

On Wednesday, December 1, the Student Government Association (SGA) held a student forum on current and future construction on campus.

Jamie Smith began the forum with a brief introduction of the topics and SGA president Jessie Beck. After a brief introduction of topics, Jessie Beck introduced Dr. Gary Juhan.

Dr. Juhan began by discussing the building of the new lake in McCrarry field.

The construction of the lake is to begin after the May graduation in 2000. The lake will be built partially for storm water runoff and partially to give the college an architecturally pleasing place.

The lake will be about two acres in size. It will have an eight to ten feet lighted walkway. The walkway will be slightly graded for runoff and the eventual overflow.

There is also planned a mini lake in front of the honors dorms. If there is enough money left, there will be a fountain placed in the lake to prevent the water from becoming stagnant.

The next topic of discussion was the new student center.

The preliminary planning for the student center began in 1995, the construction is to begin in the summer or fall of 2000.

The new student center has several purposes.

First, it is to be a gathering place for both residents and commuters. The separation of residents and commuters has been a problem for the campus for several years.

The new student center will also be used as a recruiting tool. Not only will the campus have a new football field for recruiting athletes, but it will have a new student center for overall recruiting.

The first floor, according to

Dr. Juhan, "will be the living room of the campus".

"It will be a place where students can see and be seen."

The first floor will have the college store, small locker rooms, three racket ball courts, and an information desk.

The second floor will have a game room, and a place to buy textbooks. It will be an extension of the first floor due to height problems with the extended ceiling of the first floor.

The third floor is designed with the same open floor as the first two floors. However, it will house the SGA office, the honor court office and conference room, the Highland Cavalier and Outpost offices, and two other offices. It will also be home to an exercise/weight room (no free weights).

The fourth floor will contain a cafe, post office, Continued on p.2

Exploring the New Dorm

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"It will be the best residence hall the college has seen," says D. Cole Spencer, Director of Residence Life at UVA-Wise of the college's newest residence hall, for which no name has yet been chosen.

Currently, says Mr. Sim Ewing, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, the college runs at "about 97% capacity" in terms of dorm space, and considering the enrollment goals for the next few years, a new dormitory is certainly warranted.

The tobacco-free facility, which will contain sixty double rooms, is to be located at the foot of the hill near Commonwealth Hall.

Mr. Todd Gambill, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, remembers seeking out student input following the birth of the idea several years ago. In November 1997, the administration met with students to

discuss features for the new dorm; among the ideas brought forth were increased common area, a common hallway, air conditioning, and Internet access, each of which will be manifested.

A typical room will feature two beds, two desks, dressers, built-in closets, two Internet ports and a phone line, cultured marble countertops, and a large window.

Imagine. You approach the massive hall and pass through the large doors. Greeted by a two-story atrium, you observe students playing spades and studying on the second floor; they glance down at you - "no it's not the pizza."

On the second floor, you traverse the tiled hallways to your room; your sole roommate opens the door and returns to the Internet. Since our futuristic picture can be influenced by incomplete decisions of the present, the Continued on p.2

Preview of the New Student Center

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Academic institutions of higher learning such as colleges and universities are mainly known to be places of interaction in terms of education, sportsmanship, and socialization. Campuses therefore, are usually designed to meet such relative requirements by taking into account certain facilities that are known to promote interaction among their participants. Student centers, for instance, are known to be the most important of such facilities, since they function as the 'living room' of college campuses by providing a

central gathering space where students can feel comfortable and share different experiences with each other. And due to the increase in the number of our students as well as their changing needs and demands over the years, UVAW's administration is getting ready to launch the construction of a student center by the fall of 2000.

There are many reasons behind this attempt; and according to Dr. Gary Juhan, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, "it's hard to give one reason". Basically, the main problem lies in the formation of 'boundaries' between the residential students and the commuter students. The

college administrators believe that this is closely related to the shape of the campus which sets the academic buildings on top of the 'hill', while the non-academic facilities are scattered over lower grounds.

Back in 1995, when the administrators started having conversations about building a real student center for the first time, they started looking at what they felt like a new student center would accomplish for them. One of the solutions that they felt that the new student center would do for them at the most was trying to bring those 'two groups' in a major spot where they can meet each other, Continued on p. 2

Student Health Services Moves

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The rumor going around campus these days is that Student Health Services is moving from their current location on the first floor of Cantrell to the basement of McCrary. In actuality, the truth behind the rumor is that the Health Department's on-campus clinic, not Student Health Services, will be moving to McCrary, where the math lab was formerly located.

The basis for the move comes from a lack of space, and a general desire of the Health Department and Health Services to provide assistance in a more confidential and

student-friendly environment. Counselor Kim Bays had only positive things to say about the upcoming move, which should be completed by the onset of the spring semester in January.

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lounge with a fireplace and a balcony area.

The top floor will have a conference center with moveable walls and a platform stage. It will also have a built in kitchenette that has a seating capacity of 300 and a total capacity of 600.

However, according to Dr. Juhan the cafeteria will not move. The old SGA office will be turned into a private dining room.

Next on the agenda, turned the floor over to Todd Gambill to talk about the new residence hall. According to Gambill, the state will not pay for residence halls. The majority of the money came from large contributions from the University of Virginia and alumni. The University of Virginia pledged \$600,000 before construction began.

We like the whole McCraray experience, but we didn't like McCraray, Gambill said in reference to the McCraray common area.

Like McCraray, the new dorm will have a common area, but unlike McCraray, it will have air conditioning; common hallways; one bathroom per double room; and it will be wired for computers. It will also have a laundry room on each floor.

The new dorm will be co-ed and returning students will get first priority.

We were hoping that traffic would flow through the student center instead of walking up the hill from hell, Gambill said wishfully.

The next topic was the issue of parking as discussed by officer Steve McCoy.

According to Officer McCoy the freshman lot will be paved in late spring from the road to the upper lot. Also, the upper commuter parking lot will be extended.

There are also plans to extend the sidewalk from Bower-Sturgill to the lower level tennis courts. Bids are being taken to pave the gravel lot directly behind the gym.

The last issue on the agenda was the Honor Court.

The honor court is run by the students.

It is not perfect, but it still works, Honor Court President Charlie Couton.

Each member of the Honor Court makes amendments to the Honor Court Constitution and then they vote on it in the Spring. The constitution is posted on-line.

The faculty need to back themselves if they report infractions and not talk about the Honor Court behind our backs, Honor Court President Charlie Couton.

It all comes down to ...you have to support it.

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games while getting things done whether it involves the bookstore or the post office.

The administrators also agreed that another point is to site the new student center in a location that would help people go up and down the hill, since long stairs are a major source of complaint among students. Thanks to the design of the new building, people will be able to reach the same level as the lower level of the library, simply by entering at the bottom floor, then taking the elevator to go up, and finally walking down the hall. This unique and functional feature of the new student center will also promote accessibility in terms of disability standards, since it is a pretty difficult campus to negotiate if you are on a wheelchair or on crutches.

Location, of course plays a vital role: The new student center will be positioned behind the classroom portion of the Smiddy Hall - or in other words, on the slanting that goes up the hill towards the library. Due to its position as well as the depth of its base, the 5-story building will also be at the same level of height as the library.

Another factor which led to the planning of a new student center is the insufficiency that is currently being experienced in Cantrell Hall in terms of space that is solely devoted to student interaction. Cantrell was built in 1982, and at that particular time it was designed to serve a student body of 800.

According to Sim Ewing, Associate Vice Chancellor for Administration, there isn't any space in Cantrell where students can do everything that the new student center is going to offer in a single building. Years ago, the entire lower level of the Cantrell Hall used to be an open space that resembled a very large basement. Offices such as the Student Affairs, Student Activities, Health Services, the post office, and the bookstore were added over the years as our college became in need of their functions in a central location. Dr. Juhan believes that over the years, Cantrell has become inadequate in terms of true student centers, since it basically evolved into a dining place upstairs, and an administrative complex downstairs. The Den isn't very attractive or inviting either: this is probably due to

its location and limited space. According to Dr. Juhan, they tried to design the new student center with attractive features so that students would feel like they want to be there.

The new heart of campus is designed to offer most of the functions of Cantrell, as well as many additional features. The 1st floor, for instance, will function as an entry way, a simple gathering area, and a vending area. This level also includes the new bookstore as well as an ATM. The new bookstore will be selling more convenience store items like foods, snacks, and even a larger variety of recreational reading material besides the textbooks. According to the design, textbooks will be located on a mezzanine that will separate itself from the rest of the store. The second floor will be devoted to games and entertainment. It will have several game rooms for pool, ping-pong, and video games.

The third floor is designed as a student leadership floor which will have a seminar room designated to the Honor Court as well as offices for The Highland Cavalier, The Outpost, SGA, and several other clubs and organizations. This level will also have

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student-friendly environment. Counselor Kim Bays had only positive things to say about the upcoming move, which should be completed by the onset of the spring semester in January.

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The ever-increasing UVA-Wise population has created a much greater demand for the services Student Health can offer. Since the beginning of this semester, the staff have seen a significant increase in the number of students utilizing their services, and the overcrowding was a key factor in initiating the move to bigger and better quarters.

Kathy Brooks, one of the three staff members who work the campus clinic, wanted to emphasize that this move is for the students. Not the

Health Department or anything else, just the students.

Prior to the decision, students were given the opportunity to voice their opinions on the change, and their reaction was overwhelmingly in favor. Brooks added that Dr. Juhan helped make this move possible by his approval of the plan in October, and after much discussion and a collaborative effort by both Student Health Services and the Health Department, renovations began on the old math lab.

The goal for the new Health Department clinic's locale will be adjusted relative to the success of the new program, which will start by offering services a couple of times a month, two times a week. Three health department staff members will be on hand, offering mmr, tetanus and flu vaccinations, family planning information, STD screenings, women's health care, and HIV counseling.

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State of Virginia does not provide funding for non-academic buildings, the administrators had to start scaling back so as to retain the affordable and more crucial features of the building. If completed, the recreational area will increase total cost to \$9 million; therefore the college administration would either have to find additional private funding for constructing the recreational wing at the same time as the five story building, or leave it to be completed in the future as a second phase of the project. The student fees had been raised for the past 3 years for this, Dr. Juhan thinks that the fees will probably continue to increase for another 2 years.

The administration is hoping to start construction sometime during the fall. According to Ewing, the construction might also affect the traffic, as well as the flow of pedestrians since major modifications are expected to be made on the main road which goes along Smiddy, Crockett, the Chapel, Cantrell, and McCraray Hall. The total square footage of the new student center will be about 35,000 - a little bigger than Commonwealth Hall.

According to the blueprints, the top floor will resemble a conference center that can be divided into smaller sections, or be used as a whole, depending on the configuration of its movable walls. This level will also have the capacity to serve two to three hundred participants at the same time.

In addition to all of this, the original design of the student center also contains a two-story recreational wing that will include three racquetball courts, a weight/exercise room, and an aerobics area.

According to Dr. Juhan, the original plan cost about \$12 million in its concept form. But since this amount cannot be afforded with a budget of \$8 million, and because the

World Aids Day at UVAW

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Staff Writer

On Wednesday, December 1st the University of Virginia's College at Wise along with countless other college campuses around the world celebrated World AIDS Day. The theme to this year's version of the event was "AIDS-End the silence: Listen, learn, live." Officially, the purpose of world AIDS day is to have an observance that will provide a chance to educate about AIDS and help raise money for research on the disease. According to the American Association for World Health (AAWH), the goal of the theme, which was adapted from the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), is to motivate people, particularly adolescents and young adults under 25, to speak out about the issue and educate themselves and others to help stop the spread of HIV/AIDS. Each year the AAWH coordinates efforts for World AIDS Day in the United States.

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AIDS is present in the Wise area and cleared up misconceptions about who gets AIDS. Elizabeth Roberts presented the session, which was organized by nurse Tempa Rasnick. Roberts will be on campus at the new health department in the McCraray Hall basement on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The health department will offer students free and confidential STD (sexually transmitted disease) screenings. Students can also come to the counseling and student health offices in the lower level of Cantrell hall with questions about STDs.

The deadly silence surrounding HIV/AIDS must end. With the help of the AAWH and World AIDS Day, we can spread word about AIDS at the very least. According to the AAWH more than 33 million people are estimated to be living with AIDS or HIV around the world. Nine out of ten of them do not know why they are infected. At least half of these infections occur among young people under the age of 25. We have the power—and the responsibility—to make a difference. To end the silence about HIV/AIDS, we must work together to promote open communication. We must educate our young people and get them involved in educating each other about strategies to prevent the spread of this devastating illness. One hundred ninety-one countries around the world are observing this day to draw attention to the AIDS epidemic.

Official IGC Minutes

Press Release/ IGC Minutes

Intergreek Council Meeting
December 1, 1999

Heather Bades called the meeting to order at 6:20p.m. All organizations were present except for Gamma Chi Omega. This absence is excused.

Treasurer's Report: Heather Collins stated that our current balance is \$305.

President's Report: Heather stated that each organization must present one tee-shirt idea for the Greek shirt for the spring semester. Vice President's Report: There is nothing to report.

Announcements: Alpha Delta Chi's pledges are going through education week. Pi Kappa Phi's pledges are going through educational week. Phi Sigma Sigma initiated six new sisters to their sorority. Pi Lambda Phi participated in the adopt-a-highway program by cleaning up Old Hurricane Road in Wise.

Rush Committee—Pi Lambda Phi is the chair of the committee. Responsibilities include Greek Mixer, Dinner, and Karaoke.

Honesty: No Longer the Best Policy in American Universities

Damion Garrison & Megan Moody
Staff Writers

Twenty years ago if you were to ask a college student what he or she thought about cheating they might have replied with one of the following statements, "Cheating is wrong" or "cheaters never win." In present day America, Thomas Jefferson, father of the College Honor System would be shocked at the extremes students go through to cheat in their courses. "According to an exclusive U.S. News poll, 84% of college students believe they need to cheat to get ahead in the world today." On the contrary, more than 75% of the students polled at the University of Virginia's College at Wise profess that they would not cheat on an exam, even though more than half of them have confessed to cheating in their pasts on tests, papers, and projects.

College administrators and professors equate the rise in collegiate cheating to "increased competition for admission to elite colleges that leave 'B' and 'C' average students competing for spots against 'A' students." The reasons students give however, are somewhat different.

Some students cheat because they feel that there is not enough time, according to a Duke University student, who claims that there is a difference between cheating on an everyday assignment and a final or a midterm.

The technological advances made in cheating can largely be attributed to the Internet. Test questions are shared between classes via E-mail, entire papers are printed off and submitted as originals, and students are

beginning to hack into school mainframes to change transcripts. Other "high-tech" methods are using cell phones to dial multiple-choice answers into pagers, and using the most advanced calculators to store notes. What are the benefits to using high-tech cheating methods? According to professors, it is students' belief that their professors are too dumb to catch them.

The blame for this rampant cheating occurring in educational institutions across the country is being laid at the door of everyone even remotely involved—the students, parents, and even the schools are receiving criticism, for what some say are mixed messages students get from their teachers. The influence of politicians may contribute to the degree of cheating that occurs say 90% of college students polled in a U.S. News poll. Along with politicians, students singled out the media and high schoolers.

Jennie Doe (real name of student withheld to protect her reputation) states that, "I've cheated numerous times since I've been at UVA-Wise. I've had my friends write papers for me, and I even brought a tape recorder to class and listened to the prof's lecture notes during the exam." She adds that pressure from her family to do well in school forces her to choose alternative methods besides studying in order to pass. She is an exception to the ever increasing number of students getting caught doing the dishonest deed. U.S. News and World Report reports that "most cheaters don't get caught, but in fact the major reason why most students cheat

is because they know they can get away with it time and time again."

Teachers and professors can take comfort in the fact that many organizations are coming together to stop cheating and plagiarism in the classrooms. One method used by teachers to stop over-the-shoulder cheating is the offering of multiple versions of the same test, so students can't share answers. Some campuses have went as far as putting digital cameras into testing areas that monitor students while they are testing. Cooperating universities in the US have developed the website www.plagiarism.com. The site allows professors to submit their student's papers for comparison against other papers published in a database that searches both documents for similar paragraphs. The database will then determine whether or not the submitted paper was the result of plagiarism.

With the instillation of honor courts in many institutions and, in the case of the University of Maryland—College Park's seven-week ethics seminar (mandatory for those caught cheating), a professor's ability to catch a cheater, and the consequences may be the beginnings of an incentive for those who have cheated in the past to walk the straight and narrow.

Cheating has always been a problem in learning institutions, but hopefully with the coming of the new millennium and the new methods of detection, students will realize that cheating does not pay.

(Statistics taken from U.S. News and World Report, November 22, 1999)

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UVA Responds to Millennium Survey

The wait is now over, here are the results of the Highland Cavalier's, Millennium's End Survey. 225 students, faculty, and staff participated in the survey which asked questions about various people, events and things of the 1990's and of the past 1000 years. Hundreds of responses were submitted, but only the top 5 in each category made the cut. Some folks may be satisfied with the results, and others might raise hell, but the people have spoken and here is what they said.

Most significant Events of the last 1000 years:
World War II - received 23% of the total votes
The Protestant Reformation - 14%
Declaration of Independence - 13%
World War I - 10%
Invention of the Printing Press - 9%

Most significant People of the last 1000 years:
Mother Theresa - received 18% of the votes.
Thomas Jefferson - 14%
Adolph Hitler - 13%
Franklin D. Roosevelt - 10%
Martin Luther King, Jr. - 8%

Movies that have made an impact in the 1990's:
Forrest Gump - received 24% of the total votes
Titanic - 14%
Pulp Fiction - 12%
Saving Private Ryan/(tied) Schlinder's List - 10%
The Lion King - 6%

Influential Musicians of the 1990's:
Garth Brooks - 28% of the total votes
TLC - 25%
Nirvana - 22%
Celine Dion - 17%
Alanis Morissette - 11%

Event in the 1990's that affected Americans the most:
Columbine High School Shooting

When the clock strikes 12 on Jan. 1, 2000:
 85% of the pollsters believe that

runners-up- Persian Gulf War
Oklahoma Building Bombing
White House Sex Scandal
Fall of the Berlin Wall

Nothing happens and life goes on.

Plans for bringing in the New Year:
 46% - Spend time with family and friends
 31% - Attend church or religious service
 15% - Have no plans yet for the evening
 8% - Party like its 1999

New building most people are looking forward to in the New Millennium:

Student Activity Center

The Highland Cavalier Staff thanks everyone who participated in the survey! DG-Copy Editor

Editorial Staff's New Year's Resolutions!



Jarrod Williams—Editor-in-Chief: "To become an upstanding, upright citizen."



Kimberly Deel—Sports Editor: "To be a nicer, kinder person."



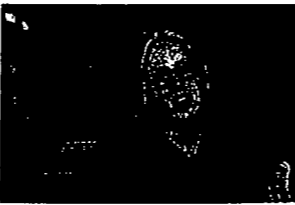
Damon Garrison—Copy Editor: "I resolve to think less of others and more of myself.—Just kidding! Or am I?"



Eliza Evans—News Editor: "My New Year's Resolution is to stop procrastinating—maybe next year."



Angela Markham—Entertainment Editor: "To lose weight, exercise, be a nicer person, work harder, love more, and—yeah, right, like I'm ever going to do any of this."



Mariana Williams—Photographer: "To eat more chicken."

Millennium Predictions

By Ruel Faruque
 Staff Reporter

Several students and faculty have some very real ideas of for the millennium.

Student Will Massey believes "the end is near." Y2K will "signal the end of the world as we know it." He advises living while you can.

Much of the maintenance crew at UVA-Wise will be sound asleep; "Y2K is just capitalism at work," said one. Another suggests moving into Crockett; "you could drop a nuke on UVA-Wise and Crockett would survive."

Dr. Mike O'Donnell, of the language department says that on December 31, he will "be asleep if I can." "When I was in high school," he continues, "I never gave a d*** about the turn of the century thing."

"The millennium's the big deal - it's about today," O'Donnell continues, "If I drop dead walking up those steps, my conversation with you is the last thing I've ever done, and that's important. Treat everything that important."

Several students plan to be outside when the new millennium arrives. "Looking up at the sky," Candace Blackwell "to watch the real world change." The hype, she feels, is not for her; she prefers a meaningful evening. "When I am ninety years old, I want to be able to tell my grandchildren 'I really experienced the millennium.'"

The Staff wishes everyone a safe and happy break!!!

Faculty Speak out about Y2K Bug

By Ruel Faruque
 Staff Reporter

Is the Y2K Bug a real threat? As the twenty days remaining between now and the millennium slowly expire, the Y2K problem becomes more and more of a concern.

Computer science professor Ross Grable says Y2K is not a problem, if you have been diligent in upgrading your computer. "It's a realistic concern only if you're not prepared," said Grable.

One student puts it simply, "if

your computer dies because you are running Windows 2.0, it's your own d*** fault."

Grable dispels all concern about the lights going out, saying, "if the power goes out on New Year's Eve, it's not because of computers - someone pulled out the plug"

At first, student Dave Belcher did not think of Y2K as much of a threat, but changed his mind when Bill Gates said it was too late to fix the Y2K Bug. "It worries me that Bill Gates is concerned."

Belcher thinks the safest

people will be the African tribes - "as long as the spear still works, they'll be fine."

According to political science professor Joe Scolnick, one should avoid semi-developed countries, ones have only recently entered the computer age.

In a country such as Mexico, things "will go haywire," since the technology sector has not yet produced enough experts for Y2K.

According to Scolnick, Europe is about 50-60% less Y2K compliant than the United States.

The United States will be fairly safe, with its abundance of computer specialists; the only problem is the sheer number of computers in the US.

Scolnick feels that the most prominent threat is to the pharmacy industry. He even suggests recording prescriptions that may otherwise be lost.

Both Grable and Scolnick feel that, even if there are any problems, they will be ironed out within a few days or weeks.



Men's basketball team continues struggle

Hilton Young
 Sports Writer

Struggle. That might be the best word to describe the University of Virginia's College at Wise's Highland Cavalier men's basketball team so far this season. The men's team has suffered from poor shooting in the early season, which has cost them some early games. They have also been the victims of two NCAA teams in Liberty University and Moorehead State.

However with a mix of new players and established players, the team may be able to develop enough to have a good conference record, as they did last season. Coach Lee Clark says that a problem for this year's team has been that "progress has been slowed by injuries and players leaving the team." Not to speculate, but one key player from last year's team who has left the team is guard Travis Stith. His loss has meant more playing time for local favorite T.J. McAmis.

Another question for this season has been who will make up for former player Nat "Doc" Law's scoring. So far this season the answer to this question has been the duo of Zack Moore and Stacy Ervin. Through nine games

the duo averages 17.9 and 18.3 points per game respectively. Forward Mike Ratliff adds 12.4 points per game to give the Cavaliers three players averaging double digits in scoring. Reagan Mullins is leading the team in rebounding with an average of 6.7 boards per game through nine games.

Just as injuries have hampered the women's team, injuries have also slowed the progress of the men's basketball team. Chris Papst, Josh Thompkins and Chris Peters have all been bitten by the injury bug to this point. Still Coach Clark believes this year's team can live up to its expectations. They will be tested by a key conference game against Montreat on Thursday. This date is a twin bill with the women's basketball team and is an important game for both teams.

A key element of the Cavalier's game that needs to be improved is offense. Coach Clark says that he looks for "more consistency on offense," which is understandable considering the team is averaging 41.3 percent shooting. The fact that they still average seventy points per game shows that they can score. More consistency would mean more points, which would mean more wins.

Intramural wrap-up

Hilton Young
 Sports Writer

Don't let the team's 2-7 record fool you. The Highland Cavaliers are an exciting team to watch and are doing well considering the players that were lost from last year's squad. It is important that fans go out to support this still developing team to help ensure a good season and a great future for Lee Clark's team.

LATE GAMES:
 (source: Highland Cavalier sports on-line at <http://www.wise.virginia.edu/cvc/athletics>)

In the Tusculum tournament, the Highland Cavaliers lost a close game to Tusculum college. The Cavaliers led by two at half-time before losing 60-56. In the consolation game, Milligan was lead by Damond Davis's 19 points and James Howard's 3 rebounds as they beat the Cavaliers 70-65. Zack Moore and Stacy Ervin scored 20 points each in the loss. Martin Methodist's James Robinson was named the tournament's MVP, averaging 20.5 points per game. UVA's College at Wise was represented on the all tournament team by Stacy Ervin. The Cavaliers will head to Harrogate, TN to face Lincoln Memorial University on December sixth before returning home to play Montreat.

consisted of Jay Paddyfoot, Damar Gill, Keith Deloatch, and Todd Easter.

On December 6th through the 8th, the intramural volleyball tournament was held. The top teams in the men's (co-ed) division are the BMFs and the Pi Lams. The Wild One's lead the women's division. These three teams are the favorites heading into the tournament.

Director of intramurals/extramurals Ronnie Welch is "really thrilled about the number of participants this fall." He is "especially pleased with the amount of commuters and females (who participated)."

Intramural soccer ended on November tenth with Pi Lambda Phi winning the men's championship, and the Bad Girls winning the women's championship. Pi Lambda Phi beat the Lizzards in the men's championship, while the Bad Girls beat the Doobie sisters for the women's title.

On November 29th, the Efollet.com three-on-three basketball tournament was held. This tournament was won by the Nice-n-smooth. Nice-n-smooth



Flag Football

for an event stop by Ronnie's office. It is located in the lower level of Cantrell hall, across from the ATM.

Ronnie would also like to point out to students that a midnight breakfast will be held on December 14th at 10 p.m. This event will provide an excellent study break before exams.

A UVa fan analyzes the Sugar Bowl matchup: Virginia Tech vs. Florida State

Hilton Young
 Sports Writer

As a University of Virginia fan it pains me to see the Hokies from VPI have an undefeated season and even a chance of winning a national title. As a football fan, however, I have to give the Hokies their due. The Hokies went 11-0, although against the lesser competition of the big east conference. The toughest team they played all year was a Virginia squad that was missing most of its defense to injury at the time.

Their offense has a solid offensive line protecting one of the most impressive freshman quarterbacks in recent history. Their quarterback, Michael Vick is an impressive version of college football's new prototype. A quick back with a strong arm and sprinter speed. They also have a dominant defense lead by cornerback Anthony Midget and all world defensive end Corey

Moore. The Hokies also have incredible special teams and a competent kicker and punter in Shanye Graham and Jimmy Kibble.

Southwest Virginia's other team has reached it's highest ranking ever at number two. It's worth mentioning however, that the Virginia Cavaliers have been ranked higher at #1.

Florida State enters the game having finished the season undefeated long before the Hokies have. Although they have

been criticized for not dispatching lesser teams fast enough, it should be noted that they have played one of the toughest schedules in the nation. Add to that the fact that since they have only lost two times in their short ACC history, every team in the ACC plans all year for a way to

upset Florida State. Florida State is lead on offense by Chris Weinke, who was once a minor league baseball player. They also have one of the best receivers in college football in Peter Warrick, and a solid running game, which takes a back seat to the passing game all too often. Their defense is loaded with solid players also. Florida State has played for the title three out of the last four years, and last won in 1993.

Tech's incentive to win: RESPECT. Virginia Tech has been criticized all season for not being a championship title team. A win would let coach Frank Beamer's guys prove how good they are, just as Tennessee did last year. The Hokies also lose Midget, Moore, receiver Ricky Hall, Kibble, Graham and a host of other players to graduation.

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at Wise. Highland Cavalier quarterback Travis Turner, who originally chose Virginia Tech is still listed on the www.hokiesportsinfo.com as redshirt freshman linebacker #44. Guess they didn't notice he left Blacksburg for Wise.

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VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Lady Cavalier basketball team improving, despite injuries and inexperience

Hilton Young
Sports Writer

In its first season under new coach Rachel Clay, the Highland Cavalier women's basketball team finds itself improving. Coach Clay says she's "pretty happy" with how the team is performing so far. She says that they are beginning to come together as a team. They have been plagued all season by taking time in games to get organized. Clay places stress on the fact that the team must learn to start out well, as teams in the Tennessee-Virginia Athletic Conference (TVAC) are just too good to be playing catch up against. Based on video recordings of last season's games, coach Clay says that it appears former coach Michelle Gill ran more of a controlled flex offense. She is trying to institute a new style in which players run more and try to use athleticism to the team's

advantage. The new style should increase scoring and provide more excitement for fans. The team will also be more aggressive on defense. Along with this new style comes an adjustment period. As the players learn to play as a team with this gameplan, they should play a better brand of basketball. In order to become a better team, the coach believes the players need to exhibit more confidence at the beginning of games and execute for the whole game. Slow starts have been a problem for the team, and Clay stresses the fact that this has to be improved. This year's team has also had trouble improving because of illness and injury. As of now, however, the team seems to be healthy, with the exception of Amber Knight. Knight has a fractured hip, and could be out anywhere from a month to the rest of the season. Practice will be better, and the team will be

more prepared now that almost everyone is healthy. When asked if the team can live up to its expectations, coach Clay responded "yes". She believes that the team could possibly be playing its best within a few weeks. Patience and hard work will be necessary however, since their are many inexperienced players on the team. The team's emotional leaders appear to be its seniors Candy Bates and Brandi Collins. They have the most experience on this year's team. They will need to play well for the team to succeed. A big test for the team will be the contest against Montreat on

Thursday, December 9. Montreat is one of the top teams in the conference and will be a measuring stick for this year's team as far as conference play goes. This will be the first game against a TVAC team this highly ranked for the young Cavaliers. The team is averaging almost seventy six points per game through 8 games, and has outbounded opponents by a total of 369 rebounds to 346. Leading scorers for the team are Lauren Carr, who averages 14.4 points per game, and Mandy Sexton with 13.75 points per game. Leading rebounders are Carr with 10.1 rebounds per game, and Bates with 9.6 rebounds per contest. Another impressive stat is the fact that Carr is shooting 84% from the charity stripe on 27 of 32 shooting. Make plans to come out to Greear and support the team. They are working hard to entertain the fans and become a better team and deserve to have the support of the sixth man, the Highland Cavalier fans.

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Sleepy Hollow not a Sleeper A New Dr. Dre Album for a new Millennium

by Nathan Clevinger
Entertainment Writer

Tim Burton's Sleepy Hollow was released a few weeks ago, and it does not disappoint. What most would think would be a low blood, no graphic violence movie is a shocker. With decapitations, a bloody tree, and senseless violence this movie is not intended for the squeamish. The movie begins easily enough in beautiful New York City around the late 18th century. Inspector Ichabod Crane is called to go to the small town of Sleepy Hollow in upstate New York to investigate a series of



Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci in a scene from the film.

murders. What he finds when he gets there is nothing like what he expected. He quickly learns that his forensic knowledge and scientific know how will not do him any good. He begins looking for the killer on his arrival. When he questions the radical town council he is perturbed to find that they all believe it is the Headless Horseman. Ichabod though, not believing in such nonsense will continue to look for the human killer. With witchcraft playing a dominant role in Ichabod's life due to his mother, and a newly found love interest played by Christina Ricci. This is a time though when witchcraft is forbidden and punishable by death. Usually through torturous methods such as the Iron Maiden or drowning. Even with this background Ichabod still refuses to believe. Then comes an event that will haunt him forever. He goes face to face with the Horseman. A horror that is

not of this world. A murdering beast at the command of his master. The one who has his head. Being chased and nearly killed, then watching one of the council members being decapitated. To add to the horror the horseman returned after his gory death to claim the head and run away with it. The most exciting aspect of the movie is the Headless Horseman's combat scenes. Ray Park takes over the part of the Horseman from Christopher Walken once his head is lost. The Horseman's prowess with his sword and as comes to life with the man that was Darth Maul in Episode I. With his skill and choreography the

Horseman's combat skill is perfect. This is an excellent movie, and well worth \$6 at the theater. The plot line is astounding and the visual effects flawless. Tim Burton uses his normal dark undertones for the town of Sleepy Hollow, and really grabs your attention with the Tree of the Dead. Which is the gateway that the Horseman uses to travel between Earth and Hell. The quest to get his head back will cost many lives, and put a town in terror. With witchcraft abundant, and love present though there is good in our heroes. Overall this is a good movie. Though not for the squeamish, weak of heart, or young children it is worth a trip. It is still in theaters everywhere. I recommend this movie to anyone, but don't watch the Disney version before hand and expect to see something similar. This is a gory movie, but a great experience. It will not let you go to sleep.

by Hilton Young
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Rap forefather Dr. Dre is back with his first new album since "The Chronic". The album, titled "2001" wasn't released without controversy however. The original title for the 22 track work was set to be "The Chronic 2000", when Dre's former record label Death Row Records released a rather weak compilation of it's remaining artists and leftover Tupac Shakur songs with that name. Dre then changed the title to "The Chronic 2001", which was then shortened to just "2001". 2001 appears to be the first big album to be released under Dre's own label Aftermath Records.

This album does not disappoint. It's first song "The Watcher" tells of how rap has changed since "The Chronic". The next track sounds like a Dre song from his Death Row days. The song titled "F*** you" features Devin and Snoop Dogg and tells of a woman who falls in love with a rapper but the rapper simply states "I just wanna f*** you". Oddly, Dre isn't in this song. The next track is "Still D.R.E." Dre's first single, it features Snoop Dogg on the hook and tells how even though Dre hasn't released an album in a while, he's still the same Dr. Dre who laced down tracks on the Chronic. The sixth track on the album, "Xxplosive" is the classic Dogg Pound Gangsta pimp song (the nickname for

former Death Row Records artists Snoop Dogg, Dr. Dre., Nate Dogg, Warren G, Kurupt, and Daz). The theme of the song is to tell the story of how girls didn't show them love in the past, but now they won't stop giving them love. And as usual, they let everyone know that Dogg Pound Gangstas don't love hoes.



The Album Cover

The next track "What's the difference" sounds like a leftover track that Dre decided to use on his album instead of Eminem's LP. It has a wierd, but banging beat and features Eminem and Xzibit. For Eminem fans this isn't the only song he performs in. He is also in the track "Forgot about Dre", and he makes a brief appearance in the video for "Still D.R.E." Dre teams up with his prodigy Snoop Dogg for the addictive track "The next episode". Kurupt also ads vocals to this track. The track "Murder Ink" showcases

Aftermath artists Hittman and Ms. Roq, and is rapped over a smooth, horror movie type beat with breathy vocals by the three. For R&B fans, the last track of the album is a soulful song called "The message" featuring Rell and Mary J. Blidge. This song is unique, because in it Dre talks to God about the death of his brother. There is also a track called "Some L.A. sh**" which features a roster of west coast artists. Adding to the track are DeFari, Xzibit, Knoc-Turn'al, Time Bomb, King T, MC Ren and Kokane. You could call this "California love part three". The album also includes some hilarious skits and interludes including a hilarious skit called "Ed-ucation" performed by comedian Eddie Griffin. Dre also found the perfect person for the outro to the album. Thomas Cheech, of "Cheech and Chng" fame performs the outro. Only one thing was missing from the album overall is the appearance of Warren G and Daz Dillenger. With them included, the album would have been more of a Dogg Pound reunion. The entire album is produced by Dre and his Aftermath Records producer Mel-man. I give it 5 out of 5 turntables. It's really only worth 4, but since it should be a crossover hit with pop fans and fans of other music genre's, 2001 should become a hip hop classic. It also doesn't hurt that it is Dr. Dre.

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Pokemon Craze hits Southwest Virginia Phantom Menace Re-released for Charity

by Hilton Young
Staff Writer

Parents may not have a clue what Pokemon is about, but they will have to take their kids to see this latest import from the orient. Call it a fad if you want, but this movie has spawned an unbridled hype in the states. Merchants are cashing in on everything from Pokemon video games to pokemon trading cards. Tickets at the opening night for "Pokemon: The first movie" contained a limited edition trading card. It has been said that in at least one theater, kids who were next in line for tickets were thwarted when a collector in front of them bought all remaining tickets and left without watching the movie. The hype doesn't just end in the real world, however. Pokemon traders have taken to the Internet with these hawking. Most often, they will trade you a pokemon item for an enormous amount of cash. A search of the most popular auction site on the internet, Ebay, turned up some less than frugal buying habits. Many items were selling for around \$30. One auction, of six unopened cases of pokemon trading cards, went for \$1,582, with an opening bid of \$1000.

Indeed the hype is great for Pokemon items. Burger King was running out of the Pokemon key rings it was

giving away in its kids' meals during the weekend. If you were to log on to Ebay's web site, you could buy one of the key rings for about a dollar. There are over 36,000 pokemon items are being sold on Ebay. But what is all the hype about? "It started in 1996 in Japan as a

version of a Japanese film that has been digitally enhanced and removed of Japanese signs and references, not just dubbed over.

This movie grossed a record \$10 million on its first day, more than doubling the previous Wednesday record of \$4.8 million by "Toy Story". In the movie, pokemon monsters are trained and pitted against each other in battle. The movie is basically like three of the cartoon episodes in one. In the opening short, a Pokemon named Pikachu is introduced. Pikachu and its keeper Ash Ketchum are the heroes of the film. Pikachu and Ash get invited to an exclusive trainer party on an island. Little do they know that the cloned, genetically engineered super Pokemon Mewtwo is present on the island (wa. Oh, did I mention that Mewtwo is also psychic. Anyway, Mewtwo goes postal and



Pikachu is one of the stars of the Pokemon craze.

decides to take over the world by making superpowers of the world's greatest pokemon and using them to destroy all other pokemon. This movie is for kids. Do not get the idea that it may be interesting to see. If you have a young child or sibling, you may be forced to take them to see it, in which case they will love it and you will endure it. Pokemon may be a cool movie to see though if you are high when you watch it.

by Nathan Clevinger
Entertainment Writer

Star Wars: Episode I, The Phantom Menace, came back to theaters for a week to make a run for charity. For those of you who haven't seen it in the theater, this could be your last to do so before it is released on VHS in March. With the re-release at 12:01 am on Wednesday results were not disappointing. Ruling the box office for profits, and jumping up to the second highest grossing movie of all time with \$500,000,000 in profits to boast about. The rerelease is hoping to make a good profit, but will not nearly make what the original release of the film did. With a plotline most of you know, and memorable characters, as well as well known actors, there's nothing to lose with this movie. Ewan McGregor is young Obi-Wan Kenobi, Natalie Portman is Queen Amidala, Liam Neeson is Qui-Gon Jinn, Ray Park is Darth Maul, and Jake Lloyd is Anakin Skywalker. With C-3PO and R2-D2 returning, and a new comic relief in Jar Jar Binks. Episode I was an excellent movie that answered many questions about the

original trilogy. Though the anticipation is over and the movie is a reality, hopefully true Star Wars fans will rally behind this instant classic again and raise money for charity for underprivileged children. For those of you that haven't seen it, and have been hiding from life the past year the movie tells the story of young Obi-Wan Kenobi and his teacher Qui-Gon Jinn in their race to aid Queen Amidala and the planet of Naboo. Their task is to stop the greedy Trade Federation from taking over the planet. Standing in their way is Darth Sidious and Darth Maul. Two Sith Lords that want to kill the Jedi heroes and help the Federation take over the planet of Naboo. Along the way they find Anakin Skywalker, the future Darth Vader. This is an overall great movie with both mishaps and comedy. Though most of you have seen the film, make another trip to one of the over 800 theaters nationwide showing it. Have fun, enjoy the movie, and donate a few dollars to a good cause. Though the excitement of the release is gone, the magic of this great movie lives on. See it again or for some of you the first time in theaters and donate to underprivileged

Entertainment

The World is Not Enough to Save Ailing Bond Franchise Merry Christmas from South Park

by Angela Markham
Entertainment Editor

A kinder, gentler, more vulnerable James Bond? Say it ain't so! Unfortunately, in *The World is Not Enough*, the 19th James Bond outing and the third to star Pierce Brosnan, 007 has undergone quite a transformation from untouchable super-spy to sensitive 90's male.

The film's typical dynamic opening sequence begins with the assassination of an oil tycoon and ends with Bond suffering a severe shoulder injury after a fall out of a hot air balloon. The injury, though is quickly forgotten as 007 is assigned to protect Elektra King (Sophie Marceau), the daughter of the assassinated oil tycoon and heir to his empire. Bond and Elektra predictably fall into a relationship, though the intimacy they share is more emotional than physical. However, after a series of terrorist attacks plague Elektra's oil pipelines, Bond begins to suspect that she is not as innocent as she seems.

Elektra has other problems besides keeping her father's empire afloat. She is being chased by the devious Renard

(Robert Carlyle), who had already kidnapped her once before. Elektra managed to escape and now fears that Renard is sabotaging the pipelines. Renard is a Bond baddie in typical fashion—a bullet lodged in his brain has



Sophie Marceau gets close to Pierce Brosnan in *The World is Not Enough*.

left him unable to feel pain.

World has the potential to be one of the most explosive Bond films ever made but an overly complicated plot combined with lacking performances by most of the cast leaves much to be desired. Renard lacks the motivation to be a true villain while Elektra's sole function seems to be to sit around and look pitiful, though she does grow a spine toward the end of the movie. Denise Richards, who plays co-Bond

Babe Dr. Christmas Jones (a nuclear physicist), spends the film shrugging off bad Christmas jokes and spouting scientific lingo she obviously does not understand.

A few cast members do shine, though.

Most notable is Judi Dench, who returns as Bond's superior, M. The events of the film are particularly emotional for her, since she is very close to Elektra and Dench shines as the layers are peeled away from her hard-as-nails exterior. Robbie Coltrane reprises his *GoldenEye* role as smuggler Valentin Zuchovsky, acting as a delightfully comic foil to Brosnan's straight-laced Bond. Another memorable performance is given by *Monty Python's* John Cleese as

R, Q's gizmo-wizard in training.

The World is Not Enough, despite a mass publicity blitz and rave reviews is one of the weaker Bond films. Even the usually explosive action sequences have begun to lose their luster. The franchise's wear and tear is beginning to show and it is time to give Bond an overhaul to keep one of film's most entertaining and profitable franchises from going belly-up. My Grade: B-

by Nathan Clevinger
Entertainment Writer

This week the new album in the South Park series was released. *Mr. Hankey's Christmas Classics*. This album is the 3rd installment in the series. The others being *Chef Aid* and the *Bigger, Longer, and Uncut Soundtrack*. Though the album is a little rough, it is a good album for those with a sense of humor.

It opens with "Mr. Hankey The Christmas Poo," a song familiar to any long time South Park fan. Though not the funniest song on the album it is noteworthy because of the reuse of it every Christmas on the show.

The second track "Merry F**king Christmas," as sung by Mr. Garrison is definitely the funniest song on the album. Though potentially offensive, those with a good sense of humor will find it side splittingly funny.

Next is "O Holy Night," sung by Eric Cartman with slightly modified lyrics to suit his character's tastes. The words are now less about the birth of Jesus, and more about Christmas trees, pie, and getting presents. Showing what is important to most of the people that celebrate Christmas in the present day.

"Dead, Dead, Dead," is the next song on the cd. It is an extremely pessimistic song, telling everyone to celebrate and thank God for everything because someday we'll all be dead.

The next song is, "The Lonely Jew on Christmas," by Kyle Broflovski and a special guest. He talks about how he can't eat ham and

how he has to eat kosher latkes and sing Hoo Hoo Hoo Gaveesh instead of Silent Night. He also talks about how his friends left him out, and how he can't be merry because he's Hebrew. Then comes the special guest and tells him to cheer up, because he doesn't have to see fake Santas or go to Grandma's house. Then all is well.

The next noteworthy song is a combination of two songs that will have you rolling on the floor. "O Tannenbaum," by Adolf Hitler followed by "Christmas Time in Hell," performed by Satan. Many high profile celebrities have been mentioned in a funny, mostly insulting way. It takes things they were acknowledged for in life and exploits them.

Another good, but of course possibly offensive song is "Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel," by Kyle, Stan, Cartman, Ike, and Kyle's parents. The song begins traditionally with Kyle teaching Ike how to celebrate Chanukah. Then the song degenerates into everyone singing their own funny bit and Kyle trying to drown everyone else out with the real song.

The album finishes up with "The Most Offensive Song Ever," "We Three Kings," and then finished up by Mr. Hankey bidding farewell with "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

Overall this is a good album that I would recommend to South Park fans, and people that can take some offensive humor, but no one else. I like this album and give it a thumbs up. It is a well made investment.

Kevin Smith is back with Dogma

by Tara Rowland
Staff Writer

When a movie opens with a disclaimer and a backwards apology you know you are in for a treat. Or perhaps you are just at a Kevin Smith written and directed film. Though this in itself may be considered a treat, depending on who you are. Mr. Smith has done three other films *Clerks*, *Mallrats* and *Chasing Amy* which were a large success among cult movie fans. It is not hard to see why some find his movies attractive. Smith is down to earth as they come. He calls things as he sees them, and relates to the average American Joe. The one catch about this man is that he is not afraid of being politically incorrect.

Now comes the fourth movie in his series, *Dogma*. In an unsurprising move this movie was denounced by the Catholic League. However, I do not believe they took note that the movie is not so much anti-God as it is anti-organized religion. A somewhat interesting and rather serious debate if you ask me.

Dogma has a basic plot lined with humor and valid points. There are two fallen angels Loki (Matt Damon) and Bartleby (Ben Affleck), who have been cast out of heaven for past misdeeds but have found a way back in using a loophole in the Catholic dogma. However, their return would prove God was fallible, it would unmake reality.

So it is up to a woman named Bethany (Linda Fiorentino), the "Last Saint," to stop them and save the world. Though she does not do this alone - helping her out is Metatron (Alan Rickman), the voice of the Lord, Rufus (Chris Rock), Christ's ignored 13th

son, Serendipity (Salma Hayek), a muse-turned-stripper, and the ever reappearing duo of Jay and Silent Bob (Jason Mewes and Kevin Smith).

Most of the film is like a road picture, with this group of oddball characters slowly making their way from America's heartland to Red Bank, New Jersey, where the final battle will occur. Along the way they deconstruct John Hughes movies and try to figure out where God has gone.

Also worthy of mentioning is George Carlin who plays Cardinal Glick, the driving force behind the new Catholic reformation. And God is interpreted by a mute Alan Morissette who's performance is quite charming.

I loved almost every scene of this movie. Not only was it funny but it took a different approach to organized religion that some may not even think of.

It does take a few low shots at Catholicism it is clear that Smith knows what he is talking about, the information presented is well researched and adequate explanations are given for those who may not be familiar with the ideas of the religion. You will have to be able to appreciate the slightly crude and bawdy humor of Smith in order to appreciate this movie to it's fullest.

I give this movie an A and recommend it to all who can sit back think and even laugh at what we get so serious over. It is witty, it is cute, it takes a look at valid issues and even pokes fun at some things worth poking fun at. A bit gory, even for Smith, it does have one or two low points, but these are worth looking over. My only suggestion is to go into it with an open mind, you will have more fun that way.

I certainly did.

The End of The End of Days Can Not Come Quickly Enough

by Angela Markham
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Arnold Schwarzenegger is back in his first role since the mega-successful *Eraser* and a well-publicized heart surgery. His newest picture, *End of Days*, is one of the remarkably few end of the millennium films being released. Judging from the fill, it is a good thing other millennium thrillers weren't made.

Schwarzenegger portrays Jehrico Cane, an ex-cop who has more or less given up on life following the murders of his wife and young daughter. Currently working for a personal security agency, Jehrico gets in over his head when his new client is nearly assassinated by a priest. Once he discovers the motives behind the assassination attempt, his life is thrown upside down.

Jehrico, who has given up on God, faces a serious crisis of faith when he discovers that the client he protected is the human embodiment of Satan (Gabriel Byrne). The priest hitman had been dispatched by the Pope himself to kill the man Satan's spirit had possessed. It is soon discovered that the Dark Prince has emerged from the depths of Hell to find a bride,

impregnate her, and thus bring about the end of the world as we know it. Suddenly Jehrico is protecting the chosen girl, Christine York (a rather lame play on words that is supposedly a key plot point in the movie). Christine, played by Robin Tunney, has been having visions all her life of her fate, but has only recently

is pursued by several Catholic priests intent on killing her before Satan can find her. Jehrico is determined to save her without any help and proceeds to shoot and blow up quite a few people. Eventually, though, Jehrico realizes that there are some wars than can not be won with guns alone.



Arnold Schwarzenegger (left) and Gabriel Byrne in *The End of Days*.

Arnold tries his best to portray a man in the depths of an emotional crisis but falls short of carrying off any attempts at serious drama. While still a dynamic force in Hollywood, he is beginning to show his age as an action star and seems appropriately punned by the film. Robin Tunney misses the mark as the troubled Christine, though her performance is good considering the severe lack of character development. Gabriel Byrne, however, is right on target, making for a very snave, very irresistible devil. The movie's true scene-

stealer, though, is Kevin Pollack as Arnold's wise-cracking security guard buddy.

End of Days is not a film for those seeking an intellectual treat. However, if you're in the mood for a little mindless action and lots of explosions, *End of Days* is possibly the last great action flick of the 20th Century.