

SGA Candidates Debate the Issues Hoping to Win Over Voters

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Staff Writer

Dixon or Ratliff, who will be our next SGA president? Elections were held on Tuesday, April 11 and Wednesday, April 12.

These dates will determine the winner for not only our president, but also the vice-president, secretary, treasurer, senator at large, and class senators. The SGA debate was held on Monday, April 10 in the chapel. Unfortunately all of the officers could not attend, but those who did had the chance to express their views towards SGA.

The debate began at 1:00 with a welcome from Amanda Sizemore and then opening remarks were made. MJ Dixon was the first to speak, expressing her three goals. First to

improve the student/faculty relationship, second to improve SGA funds, and her third goal was to make SGA more available to students, by meeting with them during lunch. Dixon believes that her strong background and involvement on the campus will make her a good president.

Eric Ratliff opened by telling about his CASE Plan which means communicating with all students to involve everyone. His Get In Get Out plan is for the purpose of making parking better all around campus. He considered himself to have a Jeffersonian view toward being president, making himself go the extra mile for the good of the students.

During the debate, both Dixon and Ratliff focused their

ideas on the students and their concern for what they want.

Dixon found it to be very important that good communication is built between the student/faculty and the SGA. She feels that there has to be a common ground between each individual to get things accomplished.

Ratliff debated the issues relating both his plans to each question.

One question asked was, "As president next year, what would you do if students did not agree with a certain policy?"

Ratliff commented that he was aware that there are times when students don't understand a policy.

Therefore he said that he would first do everything to make the students understand

and if they still did not agree, then he would make an attempt to meet their needs. "I don't accept no for an answer, if I want it I will get it," Ratliff said.

Dixon said that holding forums to inform the students would be the best way for them to respond. Then the SGA can pass resolutions to make a change, Dixon finds that it is best to have ideas in writing.

In Ratliff's closing argument he said, "It is your SGA, so look at the support and issues of each candidate, don't just look at he/she as a person."

MJ extended her thanks and made it clear the importance to vote for someone who will make a difference and work to their best ability as SGA president.

The other candidates present

were treasurer, Laura Mullins, junior senator Toy Thomas, and sophomore senators Amy Fonseca, Joel Williamson, and Jimmy Adkins. All of which approached the podium to introduce themselves and ask for a vote.

At the end of the debate students asked questions they had for the candidates. Then Amanda Sizemore closed the meeting.

The following candidates could not be there for the debate, vice president Jesse Beck and Mark Rudolph, secretary Jennifer Lockhart, senior senator Ricky Bolling and Steve Tyler, junior senator Joseph Giunta, and Eric Chapman, sophomore senator Carl Wahluquist, and senator at large Mike Froehler, and Charles Calton.

Revenues Generated From Parking Fines and Fees and Future Parking Plans

Campus Police
Press Release

Monies generated from parking fees (totaling over \$51,000) and parking violations (totaling over \$17,000) on campus will allow us to fund several projects by next fall. Asphalt plants close during the winter months so paving projects cannot be started until spring. In hopes of being able to complete all of our proposed project, estimated at \$56,000, we are sending our bids to request that the jobs coincide with the paving of the Stadium lots. We are able to give our attention to campus projects listed below since the Wise County Board of Supervisors has generously provided funds for the Stadium lot improvements.

Greear Gymnasium - This project will provide for one-way driving access around the building. The current layout will be re-evaluated to provide the maximum number of parking spaces.

Martha Randolph Hall - This project will pave the existing gravel parking lot.

Physical plant/receiving - This project will extend the road to the receiving/loading dock and pave the existing parking area pending the Science Building Construction.

The project will extend the commuter parking lot on the upper-level of campus to the Physical plant/receiving area. (NOTE: This project will take place after the Science Building addition is complete; the construction staging area will

be in the gravel area at the back of the lot pending the Science Building project. Architects are considering the lower end of the commuter lot gravel area for the staging area needed for materials.

While parking will always be controversial, we have taken several steps to improve existing conditions.

Zehmer/Science/Commonwealth/Library Parking - To address to demand for faculty and staff parking on the upper-level of campus, an officer has been placed at the entrance to the Science/Zehmer lots during the peak morning hours. Although there are only 70 spaces available for the 84 faculty and staff members in the Library, Commonwealth, Zehmer and Science Halls (excluding the members of

Smiddy Hall that utilize the lots), this strategy has helped. During spring break, the first row of the Commuter lot will be designated for faculty and Staff. This will not only address current shortages, but will become a necessity when construction on the Science Hall begins in the coming months. Faculty and staff are encouraged to use the first row in the commuter lot when parking is not available elsewhere.

Also during Spring Break, the Zehmer Hall was re-striped and spaces were added in the no-parking zone adjacent to the lawn in front of Commonwealth. This will add 12 faculty and staff parking spaces and two additional handicap spaces (bringing the total to 4) to the lot.

Although we have been operating with a limited staff, there have been 2,781 tickets written since August 1999. The discussion of towing violators is on going. Towing companies will not pull front-wheel drive vehicles backward from parking spaces because of the damage that would result. Booting of the violators, while not freeing a space, does tend to curb violations.

We have taken several steps to make the registration process much smoother for the coming year. Registration information will be distributed in late spring/early summer. Campus mail and on-site registrations at various buildings will be available.

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Welcome to "Amityville"

Frank Murphy, US Supreme Court Justice, 1991

Gender Studies Conference

Elizabeth Stillner
Staff Writer

Students from the University of Virginia's College at Wise attended Radford University's Gender Research Conference on Saturday, April 8, 2000. Several students presented their research on Gender Studies along with other students from Emory and Henry College, Roanoke College, Walden University, University of Tennessee, and the Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University.

Faculty advisor Dr. Mary O'Quinn and Betty Boggs from Southeast Community College, chaperoned and organized the trip. The group left Friday evening for the three hour trip and returned Saturday evening. The conference had an attendance of over 100 scholars, students, and professors.

The following UVA-Wise students presented their research: Andrea Stanley, Chasity Barnette, and Jenny Rice presented their paper on "Factors Impacting the Student-Mentor Relationship." Jennifer Depew presented "Using Meta-Analysis Procedure to Model an Abuse Intervention Program in South-East Kentucky." Elizabeth Stillner presented "Implicating the Root Constructs of three surveys to the Devaluation of Women in the Appalachian Culture."

All three presentations received considerable interest and praise from the audience. Students had a chance to consult with fellow researchers about today's significant issues in gender research. The conference proved to be educational, giving students a chance to communicate with students and professors from other campuses, as well as from their own campus.

Spanish Honor Society Nominations

Press Release

The Department of Language and Literature of the University of Virginia's College at Wise proudly announces the induction of eight new members into Sigma Delta Pi, the National Spanish Honor Society. The society, founded in 1919, serves to recognize and honor outstanding students in the field of Spanish Language, Literature, and Culture.

The UVA-Wise chapter, Upsilon Lambda, was formed last spring to acknowledge the accomplishments of four students. This year has seen tremendous growth in the college's Spanish program, including interest in the national recognition that membership in Sigma Delta Pi brings. The student inductees, Heather Boggs-Blanton, Sarah Dickenson, Courtney Gibson, Greg Gluck, Kimberly Mann, Sarah Marshall,

and Amy Pearson, were chosen because of their work in the classroom, as well as their enthusiasm for extending their use of the Spanish language beyond the classroom walls.

"Belonging to a chapter of Sigma Delta Pi will help me in the future when applying to graduate school," said inductee Amy Pearson. "It's important that our Spanish majors are recognized for their accomplishments."

Several of the students will also be participating this summer in the department's first study abroad trip in Seville, Spain.

The induction ceremony took place on April 2 at 3:30pm, in the Chapel of All Faiths.

Sigma Delta Pi's strict entrance requirements ensure that only the top students are recognized. Being selected is truly an honor. The Spanish faculty of UVAW congratulates the initiates on their accomplishments.

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Student Center construction

Depending upon the construction staging area chosen, parking may need to be shifted. Optoins are Smiddy or Crockett lots. This will be addressed in the coming months.

Emergency phones - All existing emergency phones will soon be replaced with new ones. The new phones will allow for immediate location identification when a phone is activated. New phones will be added between the Library and Commonwealth Hall and a second phone at the far end of the freshmen residential parking lot at the Stadium; this will bring the total number of phones on campus to five.

Student workers are a vital component in the daily functions of the college. Many offices depend heavily upon students who provides more than 4,200 hours of work each week in the successful completion of assigned responsibilities.

On Wednesday, April 26, 2000, UVA-Wise will recognize the many ways in which student workers contribute to the daily operation of the College with a Student Worker Appreciation Day. A pizza luncheon honoring these students for the contributions that they make will be held from 1:00pm until 2:00pm in the Chapel of All Faiths. In addition to recognizing all

student workers, special recognition will be given to one student who has demonstrated outstanding performance during the year. You are encouraged to nominate a student worker from your area who consistently demonstrates outstanding work habits, attitude, and initiative.

We invite you to attend this special event and ask that you encourage student employees in your department to be a part of this special activity. We also encourage you to express your appreciation to these students within your individual department or office. We look forward to seeing you on April 26.

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Lady Cavaliers Sweep Double Header Against Lady Cavaliers...Of UVA-Wise

Eliza Evans
News Editor

The Montreat Lady Cavaliers convincingly swept a double-header with the University of Virginia's College at Wise Lady Cavaliers using good hitting, pitching, and defense. "This is the first time we have beaten UVA-Wise," Montreat head coach Toby Brooks remarked. "We came in just hoping to split." "We got beat by a good team," UVAW head coach Minton remarked. "We played as a team, they just hit it where we weren't." The Montreat Lady Cavaliers beat the UVAW Lady Cavaliers, 10-3.

The game started very ominously for the UVAW Lady Cavaliers when Montreat lead-off batter Amy Tipton ripped a 1-1 pitch to right for a double. Carla Brannoch hit a single into right center that was misplayed by UVAW centerfielder Dana Booher allowing Tipton to score the first run from second and Brannoch to reach third. Third place hitter, Crystal Lingfelt, hit a sacrifice fly to right for the first out and an RBI. Clean-up batter Pamela Chastain popped out to right for the second out and Monica Wilder grounded out to third to mercifully end the top of the first.

The UVAW Lady Cavaliers had to pull themselves out of a hole and proved they were up for the task. Lead-off batter Amee Duncan ran the count full and then drew a walk to start the inning. Dana Booher hit a ground ball up the middle that was mishandled by Montreat shortstop Jennifer Consetti, putting runners on first and second with no outs. Megan

Powell then hit a grounder which was misplayed by Consetti, allowing a Duncan to score from second, Booher to reach third and Powell to reach first safely. Clean-up hitter Wendy Street was hit on the arm by an 0-2 pitch that came in a little too far. Stephanie Brumfield stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded and lined a 3-1 pitch to short for the first out. Misty Maples then grounded out to first for the second out, scoring Booher from third to tie the game at 2-2. Alison Vaughan hit a 2-0 ground ball back to the pitcher for the third out.

Montreat came back still in high gear offensively in the second inning.

Michelle McMillion hit 2-1 pitch that was bobbled by the firstbaseman, Wendy Street, allowing McMillion to be called safe. Christy Ramsey beat out a bunt for a base hit, advancing McMillion to second. Jennifer Corsetti laid down a sacrifice bunt for the first out, advancing the runners to second and third base.

With the count 1-1 on ninth place batter Ida Daniels, UVAW pitcher Stephanie Brumfield unleashed a wild pitch letting McMillion to score and advancing Ramsey to third. On the next pitch, Brumfield uncorked another wild pitch. Ramsey scored for Montreat, clearing the bases. Daniels hit the next pitch back at Brumfield who botched the play.

The Montreat Lady Cavaliers took a 4-2 lead, a lead they would not relinquish.

The UVAW Lady Cavaliers would score only one more run coming in the second inning.

Eighth place batter Mary Conkin drew a base-on-balls. Conkin stole second on the first pitch to designated hitter Brook

Paragon. Paragon struck out on three pitches for the first out. Amee Duncan then laid down a sacrifice bunt, advancing Conkin to third. Dana Booher then hit a ball at the shortstop who bobbled it, allowing Conkin to score. Megan Powell then grounded out to short for the third out.

The Montreat Lady Cavaliers scored two more runs in the fourth inning.

Monica Wilder lead off the inning with a five pitch walk. Michelle McMillion beat out a bunt for a base hit. Christy Ramsey then laid down a bunt for a single. Jennifer Corsetti the slapped a single to right-center, scoring Wilder and McMillion. Ida Daniels grounded out to the pitcher for the first out. Amy Tipton grounded out to short for the second out. After a wild pitch advanced the base runners to second and third, Carla Brannoch grounded out to the pitcher for the last out.

The UVAW Lady Cavaliers were held to only one hit and two walks after the third inning, while the Montreat Lady Cavaliers would score four more runs, three coming in the seventh inning.

Monica Wilder pitched seven innings for the Montreat Lady Cavaliers giving up three runs, one earned, on one hit with four walks, seven strike outs, one wild pitch, and one batter hit by a pitch.

Stephanie Brumfield pitched seven innings for the UVAW Lady Cavaliers giving up eight runs, four earned, on nine hits with one walk, no strike outs, two wild pitches, and one batter hit by a pitch.

The second game of the double header saw the UVAW Lady Cavaliers fall to the same fate, losing by the score of 10-3

once again. Montreat jumped ahead first, scoring the first run of the game in the first inning.

Lead-off batter Amy Tipton grounded out the short for the first out of the game. Carla Brannoch then singled past second. Crystal Lingfelt beat out an infield single, putting runners on first and second. Clean up hitter Pamela Chastain hit a ball to UVAW thirdbaseman Wendy Street, whose error allowed Brannoch to reach second. Monica Wilder then struck out for the second out. An error by the UVAW defense allowed Michelle McMillion to reach first and Chastain to advance to third. With two outs and an 0-2 count, Christy Ramsey grounded out to the pitcher for the final out of the inning.

Down one run before their first at bat, the UVAW Lady Cavaliers went in order in the bottom of the first compliments of one strike out and two ground outs.

The UVAW Lady Cavaliers were able to hold the Montreat Lady Cavaliers scoreless during the second inning while they made their comeback. An error on Montreat first baseman, Crystal Lingfelt, allowed Wendy Street to reach safely. Stephanie Brumfield then grounded back to the pitcher, who threw to first for the safe out. With Street on second, Misty Maples slapped a single to right, putting runners on the corners for Allison Vaughan. Vaughan popped a single to center, scoring Street. Mary Conkin popped out to third and Brook Paragon struck out, ending the rally.

The final three innings proved to be just what the doctor ordered for Montreat when they scored nine runs, crushing any hopes of a

UVAW comeback. The Montreat Lady Cavaliers sent 10 batters to the plate in the third, scoring five runs on an RBI single by Monica Wilder, a two RBI single by Christy Ramsey, and a two RBI single by Jennifer Corsetti.

The Montreat Lady Cavaliers scored two more runs in the fourth inning on an RBI single by Christy Ramsey and an RBI infield single by Amy Tipton.

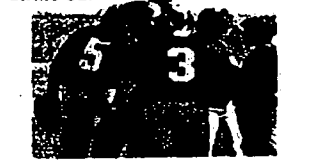
Montreat also scored two more runs in the fifth inning when Pamela Chastain scored on a 2-2 wild pitch and an RBI ground out by Anna Isley scored Minica Wilder.

The UVAW Lady Cavaliers had one small rally left in the fifth, but it was too little, too late.

UVAW scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth when Dana Booher stole second with Amee Duncan on third. An error by the pitcher allowed both runners to score. Just when it seemed as if the UVAW Lady Cavaliers had enough for one more rally, the rally was snuffed out by two quick pop ups.

Brook Paragon pitched five innings for the UVAW Lady Cavaliers giving up 10 runs on 15 hits with two walks and three strike outs.

Monica Wilder pitched four innings for the Montreat Lady Cavaliers giving up one run on four hits with two strike outs and no walks. Pamela Chastain pitched the final inning in relief of Wilder surrendering two runs on two hits with no walks and no strike outs.



Meet The University of Virginia's College at Wise's Lady Cavalier Softball Team

Kara Williams
Staff Writer

The Lady Cavalier's are over half way through their season with a record of 9-14. The team is coached by Lisa Minton, a graduate from King College who also coaches volleyball here at UVA-Wise.

Minton had many positive things to say about the team. She feels that the team has progressively gotten better in many

aspects and that they will end the season with a winning record. She said they were "beginning to pull together and work better as a team." She feels that the team has a lot of talent and their strength lies in their pitching and defense. Although hitting is a weakness, the girls are getting better as the season goes on and will hopefully begin to reach their peak as tournament time nears.

Outstanding individual players include Brook Paragona and

Stephanie Brumfield, pitchers who are hard-working and very competitive. Allison Conkin, Dana Booher, and Vaughan have excellent range in the outfield and are also work very hard for the team. Amee Duncan is an aggressive short stop who adds to the great defense of the infield.

First base is always covered well by Wendy Street who hardly ever lets a ball get past her.

Holbrook exhibits excellent fielding at second, and third is

covered by Maples, who is recovering from an injury. Megan Powell is a smart player and does a great job as catcher for the Lady Cavaliers. Offensive Standouts include Street, Paragon, Duncan, Brumfield, Conkin, and Booher. All of these women have a consistent hitting average and the rest are catching up.

Minton says that the biggest difference from last year is that their "attitudes have gotten better." Everyone takes things

seriously and focuses more on the games. She would like to see them relax more and be more aggressive on the field.

In closing Coach Minton said that she feels the team is on an "upward swing and they are playing well together." She feels that they will become more consistent and start winning consistently.

Contact Coach Minton in her gym office if you want to play softball, or attend a game.

Check out the online edition of The Highland Cavalier at <http://www.wise.virginia.edu/cvc/hcavalier>

Cavalettes Press Release

Want to join the most energetic group of performers on campus? Well, here is your chance...Auditions for the 2000 Cavalettes dance team will be held on Sunday, April 16, at 1:30 p.m. at Greear Gym. Practice for the audition begins on Friday evening, April 14, at 5:30 p.m. at Alumini Hall. Please call captain Wendy Martin to pre-register at 328-1409.

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Entertainment

From the Vault: *The Prophecy III* *The Amityville Horror: Real Enough to Scare Anyone*

Nathan Clevinger
Staff Writer

The Prophecy III: Ascent came to home video this week. It is the third and final movie in the famed trilogy about angels, a war in heaven, and its effects on man. Like the others this movie stars Christopher Walken as Gabriel, the one time angel of death, now made human. Though the other actors are not well known, they deliver blockbuster performances.

The movie opens by showing Gabriel entering a tent where you see Danyael, the son of the Angel Danyael from *The Prophecy II*, all grown up, and preaching how God has abandoned man, and that we now have to take care of ourselves. Then an unknown assassin shoots Danyael killing him in front of his girlfriend, Gabriel, and the entire "congregation".

Little does Danyael know what he is though. He is a nephilim, the son of an angel and a human. He has the soul of a

human, but the abilities of an angel. And with these powers he heals his wounds.

Danyael is humanity's last hope, but his task comes not without its danger. An angel assassin is hunting him down to tear out his heart and kill him permanently. This time he will not be able to heal wounds, like he did from the gunshots. Gabriel is always one step behind Danyael though, protecting him from his old cohorts that wish to see heaven destroyed and built again as they see fit, without the "monks" or humans. This angel assassin does find Danyael, but with Gabriel's aid Danyael escapes.

Throughout the movie Danyael has seen visions of an angel shroud in white, the angel that defeated Lucifer in the first war in heaven and stayed on Earth to protect it. Pyrial is his name, and his new goal is to take heaven for himself, and destroy humanity.

I could tell you the rest of this story, but you will just have to go rent it and watch the end yourself.

Hilton Young
Sports Editor

Back in 1974, a spoiled graduate school student named Ronald DeFeo murdered his parents along with his two brothers and two sisters. He tried and failed at pleading insanity, claiming that he heard voices in the family's Long Island house in the village of Amityville. These murders became the beginning of a series of books and movies that developed, and still have a large following.

After the DeFeo murders, the Lutz family moved into the Amityville mini-mansion and in a short period, fled to California, leaving their belongings behind. George and Kathy Lutz claimed to have experience paranormal activities while in the house and to have been scared away. The rest is history, as the Lutz story eventually became the basis of the book *The Amityville Horror: A True Story*, and eventually more books, and a franchise of movies that quietly reached well

into the 1990s. Now, reputable sources say there will be another addition to the series, titled *Amityville 2000*. The list of movies spawned by the real life story is a long one, containing eight movies so far. Among them are the original movie and its sequel.

The Amityville Horror and *Amityville II: The Possession* deal with the Lutz story and the DeFeo murders in that order as the first two movies. These movies arrived with plenty of fanfare and were actually blockbusters in 1979 and 1982 respectively. After the third movie, the story then switched to made up plots involving items from the house that turned out to be cursed. Margot Kidder (Also in *Superman* as Lois Lane) and Meg Ryan (*Sleepless in Seattle*), both were in the Amityville series early in their careers.

Many people claim that after the initial blockbuster, the Amityville name and house were "strip-mined" for all their worth. Fans of Amityville however, still

enjoy the movie, which can be found in most any Blockbuster Video store, and hope Amityville 2000 will become popular. Directors are keeping the new movie's details under wraps, not telling if the movie will go to video or to theaters, or if it will be another cursed object movie.

In real life, the famous house at 112 Ocean Avenue still exists, and is visited and photographed often by Amityville fans. The home's new owners do not like these activities, but they had to have known what was going to happen when they purchased such a landmark.

There have been many people who have claimed to prove the Amityville Horror to have been a hoax, but there are just as many that claim it is true. There are numerous Amityville (movie and real life) fan sites on the internet. The movies by themselves are scary enough for most, but the fact that the first two are "based on a true story", and that the story is researchable, makes them doubly creepy.



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