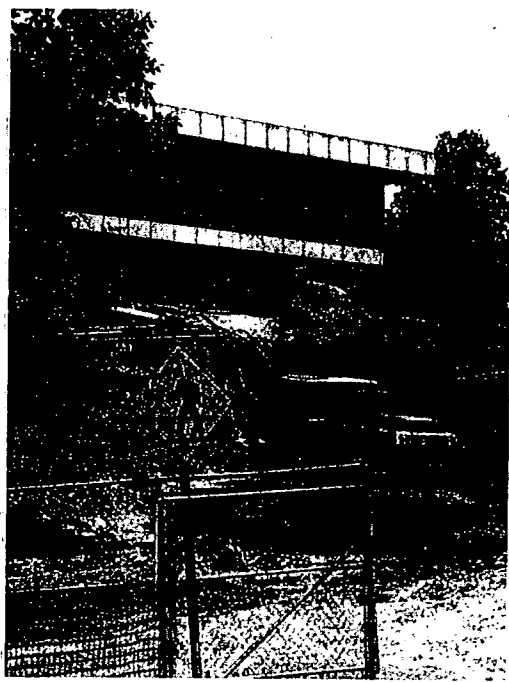


Campus growing pains



Construction projects can be found everywhere around campus. Ground has already been cleared to enable construction of the new student center, which is expected to be completed late next year.

A new beginning: Kaplan kicks off first semester as chancellor

by Angela Merikham
 Highland Cavalier Staff Writer

Though he's been in office for less than two months, Steven Kaplan, the new chancellor of Uva-Wise, has already begun making changes to improve the College. He possesses a variety of additional ideas for future improvements that will benefit our students, faculty and staff members.

"This College has an amazing liberal arts program in place," Kaplan said, "but I would love to see the curriculum at [Uva-Wise], across all the disciplines, be among the most interesting and innovative you could find in the country."

"I'd like to increase the number of faculty, and the number of opportunities for students to do one-on-one research with faculty," he said. "I think all undergraduates should be involved in a research project with faculty. Some departments are able to do that, but their faculty members have to put in a lot of extra hours."

When asked about the College's greatest strengths, Kaplan responded immediately, "The faculty. They care so much about their students. I've never seen a

place where that's all you hear about. Everyone talks about the students and their well-being, and that's special."

Kaplan believes that the College's emphasis on liberal arts is another of its key strengths. "Liberal arts education is the foundation of a college education," he said. For students who sometimes do not fully understand what liberal arts courses have to do with their intended major and career, he offered the following words of wisdom: "[These] are the kinds of courses they'll need for the rest of their lives."

"If you've got good communication skills, good analytical skills, a good appreciation of the world around you and a sense of moral and civic responsibility, you'll be good at whatever you do. If you don't have those things, all of the technical knowledge imaginable won't make you successful."

Kaplan offered an example of the type of integration between the College's core and major curriculums that he would like to see implemented. "We've got great science programs and a lot of good students going on to medical school," he said. "I would like to see a pre-med major that



Chancellor Steven Kaplan

requires its students to take philosophy classes, ethics (and) at least one course in religious studies to look at issues of empathy and sympathy and human needs, to look at human beings as more than bodies that need to be repaired."

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Tutor Connection seeks new tutors; services are free to all students

by Lakisha Dykes
 Highland Cavalier Staff Writer

The Tutor Connection is looking for advanced students to serve as peer tutors during the 2001-02 academic year in any subject offered at the College.

"We're always on the lookout for more tutors," said director Marcia Mitchell. "We try to ensure that all students get the services they need."

To qualify, a potential tutor must be a sophomore, junior or senior; possess a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher; and have earned a final grade of "B" or better in the course he or she wishes to tutor. The student must also receive positive recommendations from faculty members at the College.

Tutors receive payment for their services. To apply, interested individuals should stop by The Tutor Connection office, located on the first floor of Zehmer Hall.

The Tutor Connection offers free tutoring to any student at Uva-Wise who desires help in achieving

academic success. Such services are not only for students who are in danger of failing a course, however. Even straight "A" students occasionally seek tutors to assist them with particularly challenging portions of their courses.

"Take advantage of the extra help that is available," said Amy Brown, a former tutor of English, history and Spanish. "There are wonderful people waiting to assist you with any needs you may have."

Uva-Wise students who wish to be matched up with an appropriate tutor should complete an application, available in The Tutor Connection office. A copy of the student's class schedule must also be submitted in order to arrange convenient meeting times.

If you need a tutor, do not be afraid to request one. A tutor can be a valuable asset when it comes to your academic life, keeping you moving in the right direction to earn the kinds of grades you want.

Tutors are available to meet with students between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.



Marcia Mitchell (standing) is responsible for matching up tutors with students in need of their services.



ABOVE: Students must find creative ways to get around campus as the construction projects continue. RIGHT: Offering a reminder that the long-term benefits of construction projects far outweigh their short-term inconveniences, Zehmer Hall stands alone on "the hill" portion of campus back in the early 1960s.



Campus construction to yield new lake, science building, student center

by Lakisha Dykes
 Highland Cavalier Staff Writer

Students returning to campus have undoubtedly noticed the variety of construction projects taking place in every direction. Uva-Wise is in the process of getting a major makeover that will not be finished for many months.

"We hope to have most of the projects completed by the end of 2002," said Sam Ewing, associate vice chancellor for administration. "I know the campus looks strange with all the construction, but we hope prospective students will see it and decide to come here because they can see the expansion being done."

Not sure exactly what's going on? Here's an update on the various projects that have already begun and plans for future endeavors.

The project that is scheduled to be completed first is creation of the campus lake, which should wrap up by early October. This body of water, to be located on the west end of McCrayer Field, will feature a fountain, a concrete plaza and a pedestrian-friendly walkway.

Next in line for completion is construction of the new science building, adjacent to the existing one. This facility will feature state-of-the-art biology and chemistry laboratories, a student resource center and a courtyard, among other desirable attributes. It should be completed by about this time next year.

Work has already begun on construction of the new student center, which is being built behind Smiddy Hall. It will contain a new campus bookstore, coffee shop, student lounge and fitness center. In addition, it will house the Student Government Association, the student publications and various other student groups. Construction of the center is expected to be complete by October 2002.

Additional projects scheduled to occur this fall include installation of aluminum bleachers with vinyl seats on the visitors' side of the football stadium and creation of a new parking lot adjacent to the tennis courts.

Construction plans for the future, which have not yet received funding, involve renovating Crockett Hall and creating an addition to the theater building.

Still need a class? Consider this fall's special-topics courses

by Brandy Jones
 Highland Cavalier Contributing Writer

More than a dozen special-topics courses are being offered on campus this fall. If you're still searching for a class to take or simply want to try something unique, consider enrolling in one or more of the following sample offerings.

Biol 493: Laboratory Techniques is designed to serve as a fun introduction to basic laboratory procedures for prospective science majors. Topics include electrophoresis, chromatography and microscopy. "These are all techniques that students will continue to encounter in the laboratory sections of upper-level science courses," said Robin Woodard, who is offering the course.

Everyone from incoming freshmen on up is invited to take **Comm 496: History**

of World Film, which examines the influences of filmmakers around the world on their respective national cinemas as well as on American film. "These are the works that any serious student of film and media studies needs to be familiar with," said Ryo-Patrick Hart, the course's instructor. Students explore a series of landmark films from various time periods and cinematic movements including German Expressionism, Soviet Cinema, Italian Neorealism and the French New Wave. No prior film-studies experience is required to take part in this course.

Are you a fan of coronations, healing rituals and royal funerals? If so, check out **Hist 493a: History of Kings and Queens in Europe**. This course will examine the history of kingship in Europe. "It is designed to attract students who are interested in the history of royalty and royal rituals

from the viewpoint of intellectual and cultural history, rather than political history," said Dana Sample, its instructor.

David Rouse is offering **Phil 393: Black Philosophies**, which will examine works by African, African-American and Afro-Caribbean writers. Students will look for common themes as well as differences in the struggle of the black thinker to understand colonialism, race, racism and class oppression. "Hopefully we will come to a better understanding of the issues that divide us within this country and divide us from other parts of the world," Rouse said.

Interested in learning more about athletic injuries? Then Danny Sterling's **Phys 493: Basic Athletic Training** is the special-topics course for you. Participants explore injury evaluation, tissue response to injury, treatment and rehabilitation procedures. "We will also cover injury prevention,

which is really the most important job of an athletic trainer," Sterling said.

For students interested in psychology, Mary O'Quinn is offering **Psyc 493: A New Psychology of Gender**. The course looks at women and how they silence themselves as well as the constraints that limit males from being their true selves. "The purpose is to help students discover ways in which males and females are constrained by cultural norms," O'Quinn said.

Still haven't found what you're looking for? Additional special-topics courses being offered this fall include **AJUS 493: Mock Trial** with Shirley Miller, **Art 296: Digital Literacy for Visual Artists** with Ray Stratton, **QUAD 395: Essential Management Skills** with Guy Briggs, **NURS 493a: Health Psychology** with Jim Horton, and **SOCI 393a: Family Violence** with Yenli Yeh, among others.

The student publication staffs are now forming!

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FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE

Top Ten Survival Tips for Freshmen

1. Don't room with your best friend or else there will be problems.
2. Keep in mind that the food takes some adjusting to (have you ever heard of the 'freshman fifteen'?).
3. Bring plenty of socks and underwear to campus so you'll never have to do laundry.
4. Remember: You went away to college, so don't go back home every chance you get.
5. Be prepared for major changes in your sleeping patterns — often, you'll have to stay up really late or get up extra early in order to read, study and get things done on time.
6. Learn to do laundry the right way now; otherwise, you'll be wearing pink underwear and bleached-out clothes in no time.
7. Budget wisely from your first days on campus unless you like living on ramen noodles and Wildberry Love Kool-Aid.
8. Be yourself but also be open-minded because everyone here does not believe the same things that you do (and they don't have to).
9. Organization is a must if you want to earn good grades and still have time for an active and fulfilling social life.
10. Get to know your professors, advisors and fellow students immediately so they can be there for you in the future when you need them.

Nancy Howell

"Be sure to leave early when driving to campus because it is usually difficult to find a parking space close to your class. You will probably have to walk a good distance, which takes some time. Also, be careful where you park because the campus police will give you a ticket every chance they get."

— Vimal Udupa

This year's LART topics include "Appalachian Stereotypes," "Participating in Science," "Mind Games," "Sleep Cinema," "Discover Sound," and "Yes, You Can Be Successful in College."

Making an effective transition from high school to college can be quite challenging. That's why UVA-Wise freshmen are required to complete the course LART 195: Introduction to the Liberal Arts during their first semester on campus.

LART classes are designed to provide a support network for students who are new to the academic environment. They are held in the residence halls and are supervised by a resident advisor until the freshmen are able to find their own way around campus. LART classes are held on Monday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the residence halls. The classes are held in the residence halls and are supervised by a resident advisor until the freshmen are able to find their own way around campus. LART classes are held on Monday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the residence halls.

when they graduate from high school and begin college-level coursework. As a result, he proposed that special courses be created to serve as support networks for incoming students. In recent years, LART classes have become a strong

support network for students who are new to the academic environment. They are held in the residence halls and are supervised by a resident advisor until the freshmen are able to find their own way around campus. LART classes are held on Monday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the residence halls.

Fellow sophomore Robin Lawson holds similar views. "As a commuter, I had no idea of what was available to students on campus. My LART class taught me about things I never knew existed," she said.

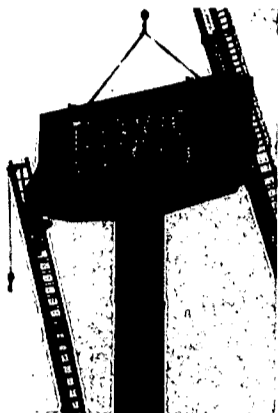
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Things To Do In and Around Wise



ABOVE: Catch a movie locally in Wise or Coeburn, or venture out to the multiplexes in Bristol and Johnson City. RIGHT: Read a good book for class or for fun.

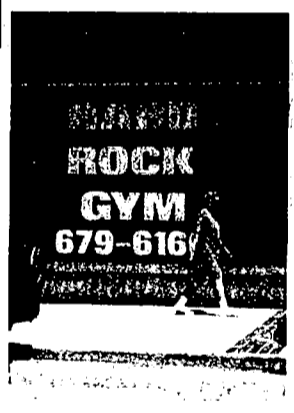
(The correct response is not "absolutely nothing!")



ABOVE: Drop by the newest restaurant in town, located just off the "four lane." (Go all out, 'cause it's not like we get new places every day!)



LEFT: Wise now has a coffee shop! Stop by as you explore the shops on Main Street. RIGHT: Work your body as hard as your mind at a local gym.



"If you're not from around here (and particularly if you're from a big city), you're in for some culture shock. There's not that much to do around here. Weekend activities are usually limited to bowling, a movie or cruising the Wal-Mart parking lot, which will get you a ticket if you do it on weekends. I was born in Wise and raised in Wise, but I have yet to find truly interesting entertainment this side of Johnson City (across the border in Tennessee). If you don't know where Johnson City is, find it. Now!"

— Angela Markham

Participating in on-campus activities and organizations is an invaluable aspect of college life. Getting involved in campus activities helps you to meet new people, learn from the examples of others, and gain a sense of community. It's not just about the activities themselves, but about the people you meet and the experiences you have. You'll find that the individuals that others admire are the ones who are most involved in college life.

Jennifer Lockhart

"Learn the value of prioritizing. Buy a planner and actually use it. If you see that you have several assignments due at the same time, get started early."

— Jennifer Lockhart

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Campus Calendar

- Sunday, August 19**
Residence hall check-in. Lower campus, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. plus... Karaoke Night. Cantrell Dining Hall, 8 p.m.
- Monday, August 20**
Orientation for new students. Smiddy Hall, 100, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 21**
Fall Convocation. Greear Gymnasium, 10 a.m. plus... Activity Fair. Learn about campus clubs and organizations. Greear Gymnasium lawn, 11 a.m. plus... Campus Picnic. Greear Gymnasium, 12 p.m. plus... Performance by comedian Adam Ace. Theatre, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 22**
Fall semester classes begin.
- Thursday, August 23**
Big Screen Movie: "Remember the Titans." Time and place to be announced (watch for signs and posters!).
- Wednesday, August 29**
Last day to add a new course.
- Friday, August 31**
The Highland Cavalier and Outpost staff member recruitment meeting. Any student interested in working on the student newspaper and/or yearbook staffs is encouraged to attend. Zehmer Hall 205, 1 p.m.

- Monday, September 3**
Labor Day. Classes meet; all campus offices will be open.
- Friday, September 14**
UVA-Wise board meeting (open to the public). Chapel of All Faiths, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. plus... Applications due for May and August 2002 graduation.
- Thursday, September 20**
Next print issue of The Highland Cavalier will be distributed on campus (and biweekly thereafter).

Chancellor Kaplan

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Another of Kaplan's major goals involves increasing financial support for the college, because he believes that is the basis of strengthening any institution. Though he praised the college's fundraising efforts and strong alumni donor support, he noted that there is always room for growth.

"I'd love to continue to beautify the campus, add a performing arts center and new athletic facilities, and renovate a lot of the buildings that are in need of renovation, particularly the residence halls," he said. (One small improvement that has already been made is the addition of a new pool table on the third floor of

McCrary Hall, donated by Kaplan.)

Kaplan also hopes to build a stronger bond between commuter students and the campus. "We need to get the commuters more involved," he said. "They need to feel truly connected to the college and see it as more than a place where they come to attend class. I want them to feel like they are truly a part of the college community."

Increasing the college's enrollment figures and student retention rates are other important items on Kaplan's agenda. "We're going to start recruiting students much earlier than we have (in the past) and get them to commit much earlier," he said. "We're going to get them to commit before Christmas, rather than in the

spring. We want them committed, we want them coming here, and we want them to know what they're going to get when they get here."

In recent weeks, Kaplan has had several conversations with former chancellor Jay Lemons. "The best advice he gave me was about the team here," Kaplan said. "I sensed that these were outstanding people, and he confirmed that."

Kaplan says that one of the reasons he has most enjoyed coming to Southwest Virginia is because of the people he has met since arriving. In addition, as an avid hiker, he has already begun to explore the mountainous region with his wife, Anemone, and their children (Anjosha, 22; Silla, 19; Noemi, 17; and Janina, 15).



Boston Beer Co., maker of Samuel Adams beer, has pulled radio ads featuring Ben Affleck, who recently checked himself into a rehab facility for alcohol abuse.

Singer Mariah Carey has been released from a Connecticut hospital, where she was recovering from her recent physical and emotional breakdown. She continues to rest up in the care of her mother.

Destiny's Child, Janet Jackson and a host of other performers will appear

at the 2001 MTV Europe music awards.

Although the band has broken up, an as-yet-untitled greatest hits package from the Smashing Pumpkins is due out in early November.

Teen pop performers Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake have recorded a duet, likely to appear on Spears' album that is due out this fall.

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The now-defunct Smashing Pumpkins